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Director to speak at Laurier screening of *The Frontier Gandhi*

WATERLOO – The Laurier Muslim Studies Option program will screen the documentary *The Frontier Gandhi: Badshah Khan, a Torch for Peace* March 25. The screening will be followed by a discussion with director T.C. McLuhan.

More than 20 years in the making, *The Frontier Gandhi* tells the remarkable story of Muslim peacemaker Abdul Ghaffar Khan (1890-1988), who raised a 100,000-strong non-violent army of men, women and youth to oppose British rule in India.

Described as “a miracle” by Mahatma Gandhi, Khan drew from the multi-ethnic traditions of Afghanistan and India, bringing together Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Parsees, Sikhs and Buddhists for peace, justice and human dignity for all.

The film includes rare historical footage, candid interviews with world leaders and testimonies from some of Khan’s non-violent warriors (all more than 100 years of age).

When: Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m.

Where: BA101, Bricker Academic Building, Wilfrid Laurier University

McLuhan is an international award-winning filmmaker. Her films include the documentary feature *The Shadow Catcher* and the narrative feature *The Third Walker*. She is a bestselling author and has written five books on sacred space and the core values of diverse cultures across the world. They include *Touch the Earth*, *Dream Tracks*, *Portraits from North American Indian Life*, *The Way of the Earth*, and *Cathedrals of the Spirit*.

This event is co-sponsored by the Laurier Muslim Studies Option program, the Laurier Department of Global Studies and the Peace and Conflict Studies program at Conrad Grebel University College.

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