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## Endicott College has free film screening of Army 'Poster Girl'

BEVERLY — Endicott College has planned a free film screening of Poster Girl, the 2011 Academy Award Nominee for Best Documentary Short Subject, on Thursday, Dec. 6 at 4 p.m.

The subject of the film, Robynn Murray, will be in attendance and give a brief talk after the screening.

This screening, open to the public, will be held in the Rose Performance Hall of the Walter J. Manninen Center for the Arts, Endicott College, 376 Hale St.

Poster Girl is a short documentary film about Murray, formerly an all American high school cheerleader who joined the U.S. Army in response to the Sept. 11 attacks. She earned the rank of sergeant during a tour of duty in Iraq. Impressed by Murray, the Army made her a "poster girl" for women in combat. However, since returning from Iraq, she has fought an insidious foe: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Murray will be at this screening and will be giving a brief discussion about herself, the film and her journey as she uses art as a form of healing. A small reception will be held in the Grillo Gallery following the screening.

The documentary follows Murray over two years as she embarks on a



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journey of self-discovery and redemption through art and poetry. According to film director Sara Nesson, "My goal for making this film was to break through the cultural disconnect between veterans and civilians. I wanted to bridge that gap by showing the struggle and healing journey of one person. In this case, I was lucky to find Robynn Murray, whose voice is so powerful; I knew she could be a voice for the thousands of veterans struggling alone with PTSD.



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