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MPBN and LWVME Partner On Free Film Screening of Documentary On Income Inequality

(Portland/Bangor/Lewiston) – The Maine Public Broadcasting Network (MPBN) and the League of Women Voters of Maine (LWVME) announce that they are partnering on two free public screenings of ***Park Avenue: Money, Power and the American Dream***, a provocative film about wealth, poverty and political power in the United States. The screenings take place on Saturday, March 9th from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm in two Maine locations, Portland and Bangor.

Academy Award-winning filmmaker Alex Gibney (*Taxi to the Dark Side*, *Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room*) presents his take on the gap between rich and poor Americans. Gibney contends that America's richest citizens have "rigged the game in their favor," and created unprecedented inequality in the United States. The film notes that while income disparity has always existed in the U.S., it has accelerated sharply over the last 40 years.

"We are excited to work with MPBN to bring this program to Mainers in the greater Portland and Bangor areas. With the ever-growing gap between the rich and the poor in America today, the film raises important questions about what that means for our communities, our economy, our government and our democracy," said LWVME President Barbara McDade. "We hope the film will raise awareness, provide food for thought, and spark discussion."

The Portland showing will be held on the University of Southern Maine campus on the 7th floor of the Glickman Family Library located at 314 Forest Avenue. The Bangor showing will take place at the Lecture Hall at the Bangor Public Library located at 145 Harlow Street. Seating at both locations is very limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"Like many of our *Independent Lens* films, Park Avenue is really powerful and opens up some very interesting issues," stated Cory Morrissey, MPBN's Marketing Director. "The League of Women Voters has picked a great film to showcase and we anticipate lively discussions after the screenings."

About the League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to men and women of all ages. Founded in 1920, it is one of America's most trusted grassroots organizations. For more information, go to www.lwvme.org

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