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Documentary Productions

BROTHER NUMBER ONE

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“Brother Number One” was the name that Pol Pot, the leader of the genocidal Khmer Rouge regime of Cambodia, gave himself. Kerry Hamill was also “brother number one” the oldest boy in the large Hamill family of Whakatane, New Zealand.

In 1978, the lives of the two “brother number ones” collided. Kerry was on board his charter yacht with two other men when they accidentally sailed into Cambodia waters. Along with a sailing companion, Englishman John Dewhirst, Kerry was seized, tortured for two months then murdered by Pol Pot’s forces. A third companion Canadian Stuart Glass was shot and killed when the boat was captured.



Our documentary *Brother Number One* follows Kerry’s younger brother Rob Hamill, a Trans-Atlantic rowing champion, as he travels to Cambodia to seek truth and justice. On his trip there, Rob will attempt to find out what actually happened to Kerry. He will travel alongside Cambodian translators who are also survivors, and together they will also explore the devastating impact of the Khmer Rouge regime on the Cambodian people. Rob’s journey will culminate in a confrontation in court with a Khmer leader, Comrade Duch, formerly head of the notorious Tuol Sleng prison (aka S-21) who gave the orders for Kerry and John to be tortured and killed. Up to

18,000 Cambodians were also murdered at Tuol Sleng. Duch will be standing trial for crimes against humanity in the Extraordinary Court of Cambodia, a war crimes tribunal that commenced this year. The New Zealander Dame Sylvia Cartwright is a senior judge on the ECCC.

The film will be directed by award-winning filmmaker Annie Goldson (*Punitive Damage*, *Georgie Girl*, *An Island Calling*). We have received NZD\$200,000 (US\$130,000) and are looking for additional financial support from the community to commence filming in the UK and the US in May. If you would like to be a sponsor or know someone who may be interested to support our project, please feel free to contact James Bellamy on 027-226-5640 or james@panpacificfilms.co.nz



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