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"The most hated and most loved lawyer in America."
— *The New York Times*

William Kunstler: Disturbing the Universe

Available on DVD April 27th, 2010

ONE-LINER: Following Kunstler from his early civil rights activism and representation of the "Chicago 8" to later controversial cases defending accused rapists and assassins, this intimate portrait truly captures "the most loved and most hated lawyer in America."

OVERVIEW: WILLIAM KUNSTLER: DISTURBING THE UNIVERSE examines the life of this radical attorney from a surprising angle. Kunstler's two daughters from his second marriage grew up lionizing a man already famous for his historic civil rights and anti-war cases. Then, in their teens, they began to be disillusioned by a stubborn man who continued defending some of the most reviled defendants in America — this time accused rapists and terrorists. In this intimate biography, the filmmakers seek to recover the real story of what made their late father one of the most beloved and hated lawyers in America.

An official selection of the 2009 Sundance Film Festival, where the sisters won the L'Oreal Women of Worth Vision Award, the film experienced critical acclaim and subsequently had a successful theatrical release. The DVD is packed full of bonus features offering a fascinating perspective on key moments in history as well as a rare peek into this controversial figure through exclusive recordings of his most memorable speeches and courtroom trials. The DVD extras also include Kunstler's unforgettable stand-up set at Caroline's Comedy Club, a private look into the Kunstler family home movies and a special interview with Emily Kunstler and Sarah Kunstler on "Democracy Now!"

William Kunstler: Disturbing the Universe arrives on DVD on April 27th, 2010 from distributor New Video.

* PBS broadcast premiere on POV June 22nd at 10pm. Check local listings.

DVD BONUS FEATURES

- *Audio files:* "Chicago 8" Courtroom, William Kunstler Inside Wounded Knee, Kunstler's speech at UCSB, Leonard Weinglass on Kunstler's Convictions
- *Video footage:* William Kunstler on the Attica Massacre, Attica Siege Footage, Kunstler's speech at the SUNY Buffalo School of Architecture Commencement, William Kunstler at Caroline's Comedy Club
- Kunstler Family Home Movies
- Emily Kunstler and Sarah Kunstler on "Democracy Now!"

CAST

Herman Badillo, Dennis Banks, Harry Belafonte, Clyde Bellecourt, Father Daniel Berrigan, Phil Donahue, Jimmy Breslin, Alan Dershowitz, Elizabeth Fink, Jean Fritz, Karin Kunstler-Goldman, Tom Hayden, Bruce Jackson, Gregory Joey Johnson, Ron Kuby, Margaret Ratner Kunstler, William Kunstler, Nancy Kurshan, Gerald Lefcourt, Rev. C. Vernon Mason, Bill Means, Michael Ratner, Paul Red, Yusef Salaam, Bobby Seale, Barry Slotnick, Michael Smith, Lynne Stewart, M. Wesley Swearingen, Madonna Thunderhawk, Leonard Weinglass

FILMMAKERS

Produced and Directed by Emily Kunstler and Sarah Kunstler
Produced by Jesse Moss and Susan Korda
Executive Producer Vanessa Hope
Executive Producer for ITVS Sally Jo Fifer
Written by Sarah Kunstler
Edited by Emily Kunstler
Cinematography by Brett Wiley and Martina Radwan
Animation by Emily Hubley and Jeremiah Dickey
Music by Shahzad Ismaily
Associate Producers Tracy Bunting and Andrew Lutsky

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Pre-order date:	March 30, 2010	Price:	\$29.95 SRP
Street date:	April 27, 2010	Catalog #:	NNVG212380
Rating:	N/A	Language:	English
Running Time:	86 mins + extras	Color:	Color
Genre:	Documentary	Audio Format:	Stereo
Website:	http://www.disturbingtheuniverse.com		

About Arthouse Films

Arthouse Films is an independent film production and distribution label based in NY and LA and acquires, produces, co-produces and distributes 20+ titles per year. Upcoming and current titles include: HERB & DOROTHY by Megumi Sasaki, MILTON GLASER: TO INFORM & DELIGHT by Wendy Keys, BEAUTIFUL LOSERS by Aaron Rose, REM KOOLHAAS: A KIND OF ARCHITECT by Markus Heidingsfelder and Min Tesch, THE UNIVERSE OF KEITH HARING by Christina Clausen, OBSCENE by Neil Ortenberg and Daniel O'Connor, PAINTERS PAINTING by Emile de Antonio, and the HENRI CARTIER-BRESSON DVD Boxed Set. Upcoming Arthouse Films titles include a feature-length documentary on Jean-Michel Basquiat by Tamra Davis.

About New Video

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