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Obsession, Delusion, and the Testing of Faith with *Audience of One* on KQED's *Truly CA*

Premieres on KQED Public Television 9 on Sunday, August 29 at 6pm

SAN FRANCISCO, August 5, 2010 –Many people have reported religious encounters, but not many of these encounters result in Hollywood productions. One Pentecostal pastor, however, takes his vision from God as a directive to shoot a multi-million dollar sci-fi epic movie. Experience a unique journey of faith with **Audience of One**, a film by Michael Jacobs airing as part of KQED's documentary film series **Truly CA** Sunday, August 29 at 6pm on KQED 9.

Ten years ago, Pastor Richard Gazowsky from the Voice of Pentecost Church in San Francisco received a directive from God to make movies for the Lord. Using donations from his congregation, he slowly transformed his church into a fully functioning movie studio, setting out to make "the greatest film ever made." Touting the new project as *Star Wars* meets *The Ten Commandments*, Gazowsky and his crew begin production on *Gravity: The Shadow of Joseph*, a \$50 million biblical science fiction movie that the pastor claims will redefine the Hollywood epic.

Audience of One is a documentary that chronicles the making of *Gravity*. This vérité style film goes inside a Pentecostal church, where the charismatic Gazowsky leads his loyal cast and crew on an incredible journey that tests the limits of faith. From pre-production at their church, to shooting principal photography in Italy, to leasing an enormous studio on an island in the San Francisco Bay, **Audience of One** keeps pace with an embattled church looking to God in order to keep their dream alive even as the film refuses to be made. Full of humor and pathos, what transpires is a story of obsession, faith, and delusion.

Michael Jacobs's debut documentary **Audience of One** screened at festivals around the world and won awards at SXSW, Silverdocs, and DocFest, and was featured in the prestigious New Directors/New Films series at MoMA and Lincoln Center.

About Truly CA

Winner of five Northern California Emmy Awards, **Truly CA** is KQED's series of independent documentaries about life in the Golden State. Since 2007, select **Truly CA** films have been presented by KQED to stations throughout California. It airs monthly on Sundays at 6pm on KQED 9. **Truly CA** is a KQED production presented in association with the **Bay Area Video Coalition** and the **San Francisco Film Society**.

About KQED Public Television

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