

# "My So-Called Enemy" in Newport Beach, Santa Cruz and Seattle...



At the 2011 Cleveland International Film Festival

Dear Friends,

In this season of Spring--post-Easter and Passover--as we reflect on personal rebirth and renewal, the many meanings of freedom and the importance of standing up against intolerance and oppression, my prayers go out to the millions of innocent people who are suffering in the world.

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"My So-Called Enemy" screened sixteen times in March and April: at film festivals, universities and high schools. The Sebastopol Documentary Film Festival in Sonoma County filled two theaters for our one scheduled screening. It was a privilege being honored at the Cleveland International Film Festival. Thanks to efforts by the festival staff and community outreach partners, our five "My So-Called Enemy" and "The Children of Chabannes," screenings completely sold out. Being part of the Sarasota Film Festival and their UN Women's Through Women's Eyes festival was heartwarming. Our New Jersey and Hartford Jewish Film Festival screenings couldn't have been more positive. In Hartford, I had the opportunity to have dinner with ten Israeli youth emissaries and Hillel students and faculty from three local universities before our screening. I had a similar experience at Union College in Schenectady, where I had a pre-screening meal with forty students and educators. Our most diverse screening was at The Jewish Museum's High School Film Festival in March. They filled the 200-seat auditorium with teenagers from four boroughs in Manhattan.

## May and June Film Festivals

Please join us and tell your friends about our upcoming film festivals.

### Newport Beach Film Festival (CA)

Sunday, May 1st at 1:00pm Triangle Square - Screen 3 Costa Mesa

Wednesday, May 4th at 3:30pm Lido Theater Newport Beach

[Click here](#) for tickets and more information.

### Santa Cruz Film Festival (CA)

Sunday, May 8th at 3:30pm The Nickelodeon

Anna Simson, a former [Building Bridges for Peace](#) counselor, will do a Q&A after the screening.

[Click here](#) for tickets and more information.

### Seattle International Film Festival

Sunday, June 5th at 6:30 pm, Harvard Exit

Monday, June 6th 4:30 pm, Harvard Exit

Lisa Gossels (and hopefully) Melodye Feldman, the Founder of Building Bridges for Peace, will do both Q&As

[Click here](#) for more information. Tickets will go on sale May 5th.

## Community Screenings

We are dedicating the month of May to organizing "My So-Called Enemy" screenings this summer and a university tour in the next academic year. Please reach out to me if you are interested in hosting a screening and/or inviting me to present "My So-Called Enemy" at your academic or religious institution, peace/multi-faith organization, after-school or summer youth program.

## June screenings

The Hudson Valley, NY

The Hudson Valley Programmers Group has invited me to do three screenings of "My So-Called Enemy" in the Hudson Valley in June. Details to follow in our next newsletter.

Bridgeton, NJ

Robert Dragotta, who generously donated his beautiful home to the Building Bridges for Peace summer program when we filmed there in 2002, is organizing a screening of "My So-Called Enemy" in June. Details to follow in our next edition.

Because our model with "My So-Called Enemy" is coalition-building and celebrating multiple voices, when possible, we encourage screenings to be co-hosted by diverse groups. When visiting college campuses, I also teach in classrooms and meet with students and faculty.

## Netflix

While "My So-Called Enemy" will not be available in the mass market for a while, the acquisitions director at Netflix has encouraged us to ask you to add our film to your queue. If you are interested in doing so, please log in to your Netflix account and click [here](#). "Save" the film to your queue.

## For the latest news on "My So-Called Enemy"

You can "like" our film on [Facebook](#).

Or consult our [website](#).

Thank you, as always, for your support of "My So-Called Enemy." I look forward to seeing you soon.

Warmest,  
Lisa

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**"MY SO CALLED ENEMY"** a good egg production  
director/producer **Lisa Gossels** producer **Eden Wurmfeld**  
director of photography **Justin Schein** edited by **Lisa Gossels**  
**David Mehlman Toby Shimin** music by **Nathan Larson**

**2010 Hamptons International Film Festival**  
*Winner, Jury Prize for Best Conflict & Resolution Film*

**2010 Starz Denver Film Festival**  
*Winner, Special Jury Prize in Filmmaking*

**2010 Boston Jewish Film Festival**  
*Winner, Audience Award, Best Feature Documentary Film*