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Summary: The film will be shown on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, and Kenner will speak on Tuesday, March 2, 2010.

(February 17, 2010)-Robert Kenner, Food, Inc. director, will speak at the University of Minnesota, Morris Edson Auditorium on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. Food, Inc. will be shown in its entirety on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at 8 p.m., in the Science Auditorium.

Kenner’s film poses the question, “How much do we really know about the food we buy at our local supermarkets and serve to our families?” It explores behind-the-scenes of the American food industry. The film claims that the United State’s food supply is dominated by a handful of corporations more concerned with profit than the safety of consumers, the safety of workers, the livelihoods of American farmers, or the health of the environment.

Food, Inc. has been described as “More than a terrific movie—it’s an important movie,” by Entertainment Weekly, and as “fine, ambitious and often infuriating,” by the New York Times. David Edelstein of New York Magazine said, “See it. Bring your kids if you have them. Bring someone else’s if you don’t.”

The film premiered in 2008 at the Toronto Film Festival and the Berlin Film Festival before opening in the United States in June 2009. Food, Inc. is an Academy Award Nominee for Best Feature Documentary.

Kenner’s earlier films include The Road to Memphis, a film from Martin Scorsese’s series “The Blues,” and Two Days in October for PBS American Experience, which won the 2006 Peabody and an Emmy for exceptional merit in Non-Fiction Film-Making.

Sponsored by the Campus Activities Council, the address and screening are free and open to the public.

Food, Inc. will be shown on Pioneer Public TV on Wednesday, April 21 at 8 p.m. as a special broadcast presentation on the series POV. For more information about the series or programs on Pioneer, visit pioneer.org.

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