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## **Las Peregrinas** *Canadian Feature Documentary Premiere*

### **For Immediate Release**

**Toronto, ON (October 22, 2006)** Director and Producer Sue Kenney is delighted to premiere her first feature length documentary, *Las Peregrinas* – Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm at the NFB's John Spotton Cinema.

What compels women to voluntarily choose to suffer both the joys and anguish of walking hundreds, sometimes thousands of kilometers on a medieval pilgrimage route in search of something more?

Sue Kenney, former world-class athlete and telecommunications executive, has walked the Camino de Santiago de Compostela in Spain alone, a journey that lasted 29 days and 780 km in the midst of winter. When she returned from this life-altering experience in 2004, she shared tales about the pilgrims she met and experiences along the way and found out that people were inspired. Soon after, she wrote her first book; *My Camino*. To date, Sue Kenney has walked the Camino 4 times.

*Las Peregrinas* chronicles Sue Kenney as she shepherds a group of first-time women pilgrims (in Spanish known as, *Las Peregrinas*) on their own individual journeys of self-discovery. Even though she had no film experience, as a first time film director, Kenney completely trusted the Camino would provide the people, insight, intrigue, conflict, adventure, mysticism and whatever else she needed to share this story.

"My vision is to bring people together in private Gatherings as an opportunity to watch an enlightening film and to provide a forum for conversation to follow." adds Kenney. "It all begins on the weekend of November 3, 4 and 5 at grass roots Gatherings sponsored by individuals who want to raise money for a cause that is important to them. The response has been fabulous and I am estimating there will be 2000 people viewing the film over 3 days at Gatherings in 40 cities in Canada, US, Europe, Australia, Brazil, Japan and South Africa to raise money."

### **Las Peregrinas Toronto Media Screening**

Monday October 30, 2006.

National Film Board Theatre 150 John St. Toronto

Reception 6:00 pm Screening 6:30 pm

"Las Peregrinas provides us with a rich description of what draws the pilgrim to the Camino de Santiago. In her film, Sue Kenney has captured the beauty of the land, the rich culture and traditions of northern Spain, the challenging moments of walking the pilgrimage, the delightful personalities of the local people and above all, the sense of community and spirituality one develops along the way."

**Lupe Rodrigues, Artist, Lecturer and CBC Art Commentator**

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For EPK and a 5-minute sample of the film: visit [www.suekenney.ca](http://www.suekenney.ca)