Arna’s Children is a powerful, award-winning documentary about Arna Mer Khamis and her therapeutic “Freedom Theatre” work in Jenin Refugee Camp with Palestinian children traumatized by the Israeli army’s brutal occupation. Her son Juliano filmed the children over a period of years.

Following the screening, film director Juliano Mer Khamis and fine arts professor Dr. Mervat Aiash will talk about their current work at the theatre and the role of culture and the arts in social development, healing, and resistance to Israeli occupation.

An entire nation...deprived of human rights, where children grow up surrounded by imagery of soldiers, stones and guns...scarred, threatened...vulnerable.

— Arna Mer Khamis, in speech receiving the Right Livelihood Award, Swedish Parliament, 1993