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Free Spech Film Festival

Free Speech: Not War! The Free Spech Film Festival's Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 16th featured celebrity presenters and the 2012 Award-winning films. Filmmakers from 17 nations submitted movies about censorship, resistance, inequality, courage, change, and hope. Creative filmmakers from 17 nations around the world entered their work in response to the subject of Free Speech.

The Festival was created and developed over a period of six years by founder and chairman, Margaret Chew Barringer. Over fifteen university students based upon their detailed research into the history of Free Speech, enrolled in American INSIGHT's Internship Program,

We know the essence of Free Speech is self-expression. "We are the ones who give words power, and our voices communicate our experiences to the world," says American INSIGHT Board member, Jake Paine.

American INSIGHT's Free Speech Film Festival is a goodwill, grassroots and sustainable program that unites celebrity judges, students, scholars, educators and the general public in conversations about the past, present and future of Free Speech.

The mission of the Free Speech Film Festival is to promote Free Speech, Not War. Topics submitted in 2012 included censorship, resistance, inequality, courage, change, and hope.

The Awards Ceremony took place at the American Philosophical Society in the Benjamin Franklin Hall, 427 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia PA. The building is adjacent to Independence Hall, and across the street from the Liberty Bell. American INSIGHT's mission is to produce, promote and distribute historical documentaries, and to broaden exposure to historical information through the use of emerging technologies.

The Free Speech Film Festival is an American INSIGHT program developed to honor today's global Free Speech movement. American INSIGHT is a nonprofit cultural institution that has featured Free Speech and the Spoken Word since 1983.

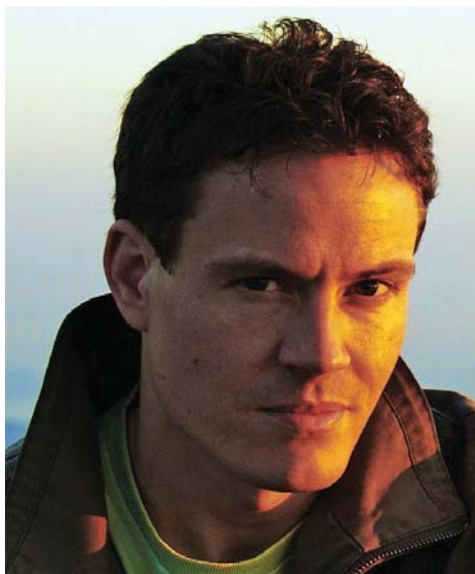
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"Surviving The Dead" By Director Howard J Ford



While I was lying in the dirt in West Africa suffering from severe dysentery as my lead actor from a Spielberg film I admired was steadily dying of Malaria next to me, having been held up by corrupt border police armed with AK47's parting with so much cash to keep shooting that our entire crew had to go without food or water for in heat so relentless that our cans of 35mm were hot enough to have fried our food on, if only we had some; I could never have imagined all this pain would result in a film that would not only reach the number 1 spot in it's genre in the US, but I'd also have a book on the shelves recounting all these traumatic happenings, and to top it all, a legendary writer such as Irvine Welsh would read that very book and actually call it a 'must read'! But this is a strange world and an even stranger business. I was just happy to have survived the shoot!

Howard's book 'Surviving The Dead' is out now on Amazon and as an E-Book at www.surviving-the-dead.com and he has since been signed by a Hollywood based production company to direct a \$6Million dollar supernatural thriller 'Indelible' in the fall.

"I Am Neda" Government doesn't want you to see...



An ordinary young woman on the backdrop of extraordinary circumstances fearlessly pursues the cause of freedom in defiance of tyranny and oppression.

From first time Director Nicole Kian Sadighi who has written and produced this award winning movie "I Am Neda" the true story of Neda Agha Soltan who fearlessly pursued the cause of freedom in defiance of tyranny and oppression.

June 2009 marked another turning point for Iranians, when mass anti-government protests erupted across major cities in Iran, following the June 12 rigged Iranian presidential election against the disputed victory of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, which came to be known as the Green Movement. These events provoked the government to declare war on its own people and the world became a witness to some of the most horrific acts that were shown daily through major news outlets as well as Twitter, Facebook and YouTube posting. Many innocent Iranians were, imprisoned, tortured, raped and killed for standing up for their basic human rights in nonviolent civil disobedience.

This film is centered on one ordinary yet courageous young woman on the backdrop of extraordinary circumstances, who has since become the symbol and face of this movement

News reports regarding Neda soon went viral across the globe through leading news outlets and online social media. Everyone from CNN, Fox, BBC, Reuters, AP, AFP, London Times, Life Magazine, the musical group U2 and President Obama commented and paid homage to Neda's story - the girl whose face will always be remembered from YouTube.

She was one of the 2009 Time Magazines Person of the Year, 2010 London Times Person of the Year. Additionally The Neda Agha Soltan Graduate Scholarship is for post-graduate philosophy students at The Queen's College, Oxford, with preference given to students of Iranian citizenship or heritage. Neda's impact on the Green Movement in Iran which launched the Arab Spring in the Middle East, has made her the face and symbol of Iran's freedom movement and with it a historical legacy that must never be forgotten.