

'Grounded' Wins Audience Award at Skyline Indie Film Fest

Los Angeles – September 26, 2013 – “Grounded” has won the Audience Award at the first annual [Skyline Indie Film Fest](#), held Sep. 13-15, 2013, in Winchester, Va. The award-winning documentary, directed by L.A. filmmaker Sean Crowell, chronicles the steps of marijuana smugglers Terry and Jimmy Dougherty and the law enforcement officers who pursued them.

“At Skyline Indie Film Fest, we want to engage our audience. ‘Grounded’ succeeds at this, in spades,” said Brian Patrick, festival director for Skyline Indie Film Fest. “From technical production value to the charisma of the brothers Dougherty, it was no surprise ‘Grounded’ was the fan favorite.”

For the Audience Award, attendees could vote for each of the festival’s films via smartphones, tablets and PCs. “Grounded” traces the lives of the Dougherty brothers from their Pittsburgh suburb of Pleasant Hills to Colombia and back to the United States. Terry Dougherty eventually piloted a DC-4 to Colombia, returning with nearly 20,000 lbs. of marijuana.

“We tried to highlight an interesting story from several angles, not moralize,” said Crowell. “We let the audience decide.”

Earlier this summer “Grounded” won Best Feature Film at the Pittsburgh Independent Film Festival and was an official selection of the Dances With Films festival in Los Angeles.

The “Grounded” production team includes producer Liz Newman, a 20-year Hollywood veteran, whose television credits include “Sex and the City” and “SCRUBS,” and Andrew Rawson who is the director of photography for the Fox comedy “Surviving Jack.”

“Grounded” is Crowell’s second documentary. Crowell and Newman also teamed up to produce Crowell’s first documentary “Bike Lane.” Crowell’s two-decade resume includes serving as the key grip on “SCRUBS” and the “Hangover” trilogy.

This year’s Skyline Indie Film Fest received submissions from around the globe.

More information about “Grounded,” along with a trailer, is at: <http://www.groundedthemovie.com>.

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