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Inspirational 'Inside Peace' racks up 4 more film fest prizes

Feature documentary directed by Cynthia Fitzpatrick has now earned 6 total awards

LOS ANGELES – Aug. 7, 2015 – [“Inside Peace,”](#) a feature documentary from Untraveled Road Productions, received four awards at film festivals last weekend, bringing its total number of film festival awards to six.

The film focuses on a group of tough guys doing hard time in a Texas prison. Coming from lives marked by poverty, violence, addiction and abuse, they are trapped in a dangerous world of prisons, crime and recidivism.

The latest honors are:

- Best Feature Documentary Audience Award, [San Antonio Film Festival](#)
- New Hope Award (awarded to a film that brings hope to people), [New Hope Film Festival](#)
- Film Audience Choice Award—Best Documentary, New Hope Film Festival
- Coyote Award for Best Documentary, [Topanga Film Festival](#)

Earlier this year, the film won The Chicago Peace on Earth Film Festival’s Exposé Award and was recognized as Best Documentary at the Los Angeles Spotlight Film Festival.

“In a very short time, we’ve been invited to show ‘**Inside Peace**’ at eight film festivals, and it has already won six awards,” said Cynthia Fitzpatrick, its director.

“Plus, we’ve gotten amazing feedback from people who have watched it, including standing ovations,” she continued. “It’s very gratifying to have this story, which is all about hope, be acknowledged by film festivals around the country, especially since we are living in a world where negative stories are getting an abundance of attention in the news media.”

The men at the center of the film begin a journey of change when they enroll in a “peace class” at the Dominguez State Jail in San Antonio. Initially, they are drawn to the class to get free pencils and paper, and an hour of air conditioning. Each man’s perspective shifts as he participates in the class. During the film, viewers witness the

men's evolution as they travel from fear to openness, from hate to self-love, from isolation to a sense of community and from the impossible to the possible.

When released from prison, their road becomes more treacherous. Out on the mean streets once again, they find the power of their newfound inner strength is tested as they navigate society's roadblocks and dangers both new and old, and they struggle to avoid the temptation to return to their past ways.

The film's director, Cynthia Fitzpatrick, has been in the film business for the past 25 years and began her career at HBO as a feature script reader. "Inside Peace" is her documentary directorial debut.

For more information, visit <http://www.insidepeacemovie.com>.

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