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2008 ROVING EYE DOCUMENTARY AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (May 13, 2008) – After extensive deliberation and evaluation, Festival judges have announced the top award winners for the **2008 Roving Eye Documentary Film Festival**, a sidebar of the **Rhode Island International Film Festival**. The categories this year are the Audience Choice Award, The Roving Eye Doc Festival Award, Best Cinematography, Emerging Eye First Time Director, and Honorable Mention. The monthlong Festival ran from April 2nd – May 10th at locations throughout the state, including: Westerly, Warwick, Bristol, Smithfield, Richmond, and Providence.

"The topics of our films spanned the globe this year," commented the festival's Producing Director Adam Short. "We were pleased to host a wonderful series of films from China's Guangzhou Documentary Film Festival – as well as works from the U.S. and Canada. These films touched and inspired us, making for a strong and exceptional Festival."

"We congratulate the filmmakers and extend a sincere thanks to our audiences who attended this year's event," Short added.

THIS YEAR'S ROVING EYE AWARD WINNERS ARE:

- Audience Choice Award: "Shanghai Quest," Kim Taylor, Director, from China.
- Roving Eye Festival Award: "Beyond the Call," Adrian Belic, Director, from USA.
- **Best Cinematography Award**: "Indestructible," Ben Byer & Roko Belic, Director & Cinematographer, from USA.
- Emerging Eye First Time Director Award: "Old House Soul," Don Manley and Michel Schtakleff, Directors, from Rhode Island, USA
- Honorable Mention: "Glimpses of Heaven" Michael Oved Dayan, Director, from Canada.

The Roving Eye Documentary Film Festival will return in the Fall 2008 with a new roster of work from emerging film artists. Details will be announced during the annual **Rhode Island International Film Festival**, August 5-10th. For more information please visit the RIIFF web site at www.RIFilmFest.org or call 401.861.4445.