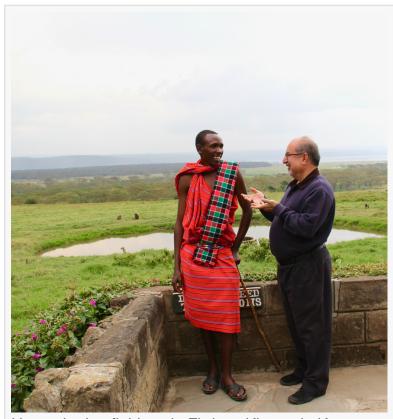


Humanitarian Awards Recognize Firdaus Kharas' Body Of Work

Accolade Group highlights Chocolate Moose Media's extraordinary work during 2017

OTTAWA/GENEVA, CANADA/SWITZERLAND, February 15, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Chocolate Moose Media (CMM) and founder Firdaus Kharas have been honoured today with three Humanitarian Outstanding Achievement Awards from the Accolade Competition for their body of work during 2017. The awards for the multi-lingual animated videos "Violence Against Children in Malawi, The Migrant, I Am Not A Victim, Asbestos Kills, A Plea To My Father and Show You Care, Wear A Pair" come from the Accolade Global Film Competition, Best Shorts Competition and IndieFEST Film Awards.

The awards are given to filmmakers who are committed to making a difference in the world through film and videos that highlight critical needs of our time. In 2017 CMM focussed on violence against children; rape



Humanitarian field work. Firdaus Kharas in Kenya.

in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; diseases like asbestos-caused mesothelioma and migraine headaches; and intolerance towards and acceptance of forced immigrants in multiple countries. Coproducers include Harper Hill Global, United Methodist Communications, Catholic Relief Services,

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UNICEF, the Association of Migraine Disorders and the Asbestos Disease Awareness Association.

"I am grateful to the organizers who nominated my animations for these awards in the humanitarian category. Recognition such as this serves a major purpose by bringing attention to these animated productions so that they will be more widely used. The impact of the videos accelerate action, and so more lives are improved or saved," Kharas says.

During the past 25 years his work has focussed on issues that plague huge parts of the world's population - ranging from social justice to disease prevention to refugee and environmental issues. His use of animation brings a unique perspective to how these issues are revealed and confronted. All his videos are available on Vimeo for free use.

This work by CMM and many others sets the standard for humanitarian communications, says Accolade Global Film Competition Chairman Rick Prickett. "It takes great talent to tackle the world's most pressing issues with film and do a great job. It takes an even greater heart," he adds.

The award brings to 103 the number of Kharas' international awards, putting him firmly within the humanitarian world's top honour roll.

About Chocolate Moose Media

Chocolate Moose Media (CMM) is the world's leading producer of animated behaviour-change communications aimed at solving health and social issues around the world. Led by renowned social innovator, director and humanitarian Firdaus Kharas, CMM produces animation, documentaries, videos and television series designed to educate, entertain and change societal and individual behaviour to positively



I Am Not A Victim



The Migrant

influence viewers' knowledge, attitudes and behaviour, especially those of children and young adults, in order to better the human condition. More than 3,600 animated videos in 188 language versions are available online in a Vimeo channel.

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