

Her Turf lauded with SeriesFest's Best Digital Short Series & Independent Pilot/Unscripted Award

Colorado First-time Filmmaker/Director/Producer Blazes Trail during Film Festival Circuit for Documentary Short Film Featuring Three Female Football Officials

CENTENNIAL, COLORADO, UNITED STATES, July 11, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Awards continue for [Her Turf](#), a documentary short film showcasing the work of women officiating in football games. This ground-breaking film was recognized at [SeriesFest](#) with the Best Digital Short Series & Independent Pilot/Unscripted Award. Colorado filmmaker Shantel Hansen, first-time director, and producer of Her Turf filmed three female football officials to tell their story for the very first time. From 2015 to 2018, Hansen shot this unique cast, in six different locations. FOX Sports Analyst and former Vice President of NFL Officiating, [Dean Blandino](#) serves as Executive Producer. Blandino is joined by Co-Producers TS Botkin and Ann Cross.

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“Attending SeriesFest was an incredible experience. It’s truly an honor to receive the Best Digital Short Series & Independent Pilot/Unscripted award for Her Turf,” stated Shantel Hansen, Colorado-based director, and producer. “Looking back, I feel profoundly fortunate to have captured the journey of these incredible women football officials on and off the field. I didn’t have a big network backing my project or prestigious awards under my belt as a first time director and producer, and SeriesFest still took a chance on me. I will forever be grateful for this experience and a chance to share the stories of three pioneering women with the world.”

This award-winning and ground-breaking documentary was selected to screen at nine film festivals since April 2019, and has won four awards: Van Gogh Award at the Amsterdam Film Festival, Independent Shorts Awards Los Angeles, Brentwood & the Movie Sports Pacific Palisades International Film Festival and SeriesFest Jury Award.

According to Executive Producer Dean Blandino, “The recognition Her Turf received from SeriesFest, as well as all the Film Festivals to date, offers audiences an opportunity to hear the untold story of three remarkable female football officials on and off the football field for the first time. Her Turf captures what it takes to be an official because every snap is an audition. On behalf of the film, I would like to thank the jury for this prestigious award.”

The timely and engaging film features Annice Canady, Tangelia Mitchell, and Mary Podesta. Annice Canady from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida started officiating football in 1990 at the youth level. After battling cancer three times, she made her collegiate debut officiating for the NCAA in 2001. In 2002, Canady was the first female official to work an NCAA Division I football game on August 31, 2002.

These three women reveal the struggles and triumphs of excelling in traditionally male-dominated roles. By their very presence, these women are opening doors for those who will arrive after them. Her Turf is a timely and potent documentary, which follows three pioneering female football officials as they boldly attempt to level the playing field. As these officials change preconceived ideas about women excelling in a traditionally male role, this film will spark more in-depth conversations about gender representation in team sports.


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The poster for the documentary 'HER TURF' features three female football officials at the top, each with their name in a black box: Annice Canady, Tangela Mitchell, and Mary Podesta. Below them is a photograph of the three women in their official uniforms. The title 'HER TURF' is written in large, green, textured letters on a black background. Underneath the title, it says 'A Shantel Hansen Film'. At the bottom, there is a block of small text: 'WALK ON PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS "HER TURF" A FILM BY SHANTEL HANSEN EXECUTIVE PRODUCER DEAN BLANDINO EDITED BY GREGG STOUFFER CO-PRODUCED BY TS BOTKIN ASSOCIATE PRODUCER ANN CROSS PRODUCED AND DIRECTED BY SHANTEL HANSEN'. Below this is the website 'www.HERTURF.com' and social media icons for Twitter (@her_turf), Instagram (@her_turf_film), and Facebook (HerTurf). The hashtag #ShelsUnstoppable is also present.

"HER TURF" A DOCUMENTARY SHORT FILM
FEATURING THREE FEMALE FOOTBALL OFFICIALS



Director/Producer Shantel Hansen and the cast of
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