

"Tracks: Stumbling Stones Amsterdam" -- Best, Int'l Documentary & Craghoppers Prize at London Discover Film Festival

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, October 17, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The heartfelt and beautifully shot short form documentary "Tracks: Stumbling Stones Amsterdam," wins Best, International Documentary, as well as the Craghoppers Special Recognition & Prize at the London Discover Film Festival. Tracks is Directed by Maclovia Martel, and Produced by Michael Potter, and Margaret McCarthy of Free Radical Productions.



Associate Producer, John Morris, attending the Discover Film Festival

and receiving the Craghoppers Special Recognition Prize in London said in his acceptance speech that "making the film was an immersive experience. The documentary is a deep reminder about the importance of remembrance and of the need for each of us to contribute to a better world



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John Morris, Associate Producer by expressing humanity in our daily lives". John went on to express his gratitude to Discover Films and Craghoppers for their work in supporting and inspiring a generation of filmmakers.

Tracks explores the laying of "Stolpersteine" memorial stones honoring Holocaust victims, installed in front of the homes along the central canals in Amsterdam. A central theme of this film is the power and importance of remembrance. In the Jewish tradition, as long as a person is remembered they continue to live.

The central canal area of Amsterdam is recognized as one of the most beautiful neighborhoods in the world. Even in times of joy and celebration we are urged to momentarily acknowledge

tragedy in both the past and the present. These stones serve to provide a small tear of sorrow next to the grand and historic architecture of the canals.

"Tracks," takes viewers on a journey to uncover the spirit and intention behind the Stolpersteine, small brass memorial stones that commemorate the victims of the Holocaust. The film, explores the impact of the Stolpersteine on communities and families, and how they serve as a powerful reminder.

The Stolpersteine, which literally means "stumbling stones," are small brass plaques that are embedded in the ground in front of the former homes of victims. To date, over 100,000 Stolpersteine have been installed in more than 1,000 cities across Europe, making it the largest decentralized memorial in the world.



The filmmakers of "Tracks" have worked with Alexander Stukenberg, the key subject of the film and the <u>Stichting Stolpersteine</u> foundation in Amsterdam to create a YouTube channel available to all video and film content creators who have created stories related to stolpersteine memorial stones. This vision is an open platform for everyone to capture and share the amazing stories and impact behind each of these stones. Contact: amsterdam@stichting-stolpersteine.nl

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jq7mPgy76lg

"Tracks" features interviews with historians, survivors, and descendants of victims, and those that selflessly carry out the creation and placement of these stones. This powerful documentary is a must-see for anyone looking to deepen their understanding of remembrance and the impact on individuals and communities.

Check out the trailer at the Dutch nonprofit organization "Stichting Stolpersteine" https://stichting-stolpersteine.nl/?lang=en

We hope this film inspires others to adopt a canal or adopt a street to sponsor the installation of

stolpersteine memorial stones.

Discover Film Awards

Discover Film Awards is the world's best short film festival. Discover.film hosts one of the biggest short film festivals in the world: The Discover Film Awards and has the largest cash prize fund for short filmmakers. The festival attracts thousands of film submissions annually from more than 100 countries. In London's Leicester Square, the festival hosts cinema screenings and networking events with funding available for new projects.

https://discover.film/short-film-festival/

Craghoppers Film Prize

In 2018, Craghoppers were looking for their next adventure and started exploring ways they could support the arts and emerging new talent. Partnering with the Discover Film Festival, the Craghoppers Film Prize was created to offer the largest cash prize in the world to short filmmakers. Short films can be defined as anything under 40 minutes and spans all genres. Alongside this, short films are also the fastest growing medium in filmmaking – and unfortunately the most underfunded.

This initiative encourages the next generation of filmmakers to create thrilling new content for emerging digital platforms.

This bold initiative has grown year on year, making the Craghoppers Film Prize one of the most coveted accolades within the international film community, - associating the Craghoppers name with quality, innovation, and creativity.

https://www.craghoppers.com/filmprize/

'Tracks': Awards & Accolades

Honored for "Tracks" to win Best, International Documentary, as well as the Craghoppers Special Recognition & Prize @ the London Discover Film Festival

New York City Independent Film Fest - Best Documentary Short

Brussels World Film Festival - Best Documentary Short

Toronto Documentary Feature & Short Film Festival - Best Cinematography

London - BELIEF - Be Epic Film Festival - Winner

The Voices Rising Film Festival - New York - Winner

Official Selections

Lonond - BELIEF - Be Epic Film Festival - Official Selection

32nd Annual Woods Hole Film Festival - Official Selection

New York City Independent Film Festival - Official Selection

Brooklyn Film Festival - Official Selection

23rd Beverly Hills Film Festival - Official Selection

Cannes Film Awards - Cannes, France - Official Selection

Vancouver Jewish Film Festival - Official Selection

Austin Jewish Film Festival Series - Austin, Texas - Official Selection

Brussels World Film Festival - Official Selection

Toronto Documentary Feature & Short Film Festival - Official Selection

ARFF International Film Festival in Amsterdam - Official Selection

October 7 - The Voices Rising Film Festival - New York https://www.plazamac.org/voicesrisingfilmfest

28th September – 1st October - The Discover Film Awards (Nominated for the prestigious Craghoppers Documentary Prize at the London Discover Film Awards)

https://discover.film/short-film-festival/ https://www.craghoppers.com/filmprize/discover/

August 24-27 BELIEF - Be Epic Film Festival, London

https://www.beliff.co.uk/

July 29th-August 5th 32nd Annual Woods Hole Film Festival

https://woodsholefilmfestival.org/

June 10 - New York City Independent Film Festival

https://nycindieff.com/films/tracks/

June 4 - Brooklyn Film Festival

https://mubi.com/films/tracks-stumbling-stones-amsterdam

April 22 - 23rd Beverly Hills Film Festival

https://beverlyhillsfilmfestival.com/2023-official-selection-sat/#block6

April 29th - Cannes Film Awards - Cannes, France

https://cannesfilmawards.com/official-selection/2023

April 27th - Vancouver Jewish Film Festival

https://www.vjff.org/interview-with-michael-potter/

April 20th - Austin Jewish Film Festival Series - Austin, Texas - https://austiniff.org/events/tracksstumblingstonesamsterdam/

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