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IDA ANNOUNCES FIRST ROUND OF DOCUMENTARY AWARDS NOMINEES MARCEL METTELSIEFEN TO RECEIVE PARE LORENTZ AWARD FOR WATANI: MY HOMELAND

Los Angeles, CA – October 16, 2017– The International Documentary Association has announced the initial round of nominees for the 2017 IDA Documentary Awards. The 33rd edition of the annual ceremony will take place Saturday, December 9 at the Paramount Theatre in Los Angeles. Nominees for Best Feature and Best Short, and awards for creative recognition, will be announced on November 1.

The IDA will honor director Marcel Mettelsiefen's *Watani: My Homeland* with the Pare Lorentz Award. Also receiving a special mention in the category is Joe Berlinger's *Intent to Destroy*.

In the limited series category, nominees include the Netflix docuseries, *Daughters of Destiny: The Story of Shanti Bhavan*, Vanessa Roth's spotlight on the Shanti Bhavan school that educates Dalit children, the poorest among India's families; *The Defiant Ones*, Allen Hughes' exploration of the friendship between Jimmy Iovine and Dr. Dre; *The Keepers*, Ryan White's docuseries which tackles the unsolved murder of Cathy Cesnik; *The Vietnam War*, Ken Burns and Lynn Novick's 10-part, 18-hour American television documentary series about the Vietnam War; and Jenner Furst's documentary television series, *TIME: The Kalief Browder Story*, which tells the story of an innocent high school student who was imprisoned for three years at Rikers Island without a conviction.

The list of nominees is below.

2017 IDA DOCUMENTARY AWARDS HONOREES & NOMINEES:

Pare Lorentz Award

Watani: My Homeland (Recipient)

Director: Marcel Mettelsiefen

Intent to Destroy (Special Mention)

Director: Joe Berlinger

ABC News VideoSource Award

Blood On The Mountain

Directors: Mari-Lynn Evans and Jordan Freeman
Virgil Films/Netflix

Elián

Directors: Tim Golden and Ross McDonnell
Gravitas Ventures, CNN Films

Icarus

Director: Bryan Fogel
Netflix

LA 92

Directors: Dan Lindsay & TJ Martin
National Geographic

Obit.

Director: Vanessa Gould
Kino Lorber

Best Curated Series Award

American Experience

Executive Producer: Mark Samels
PBS

Dokumania

Executive Producer: Anders Bruus
DR

Independent Lens

Executive Producers: Lois Vossen and Sally Jo Fifer
PBS

POV

Executive Producers: Justine Nagan and Chris White
PBS

REEL SOUTH

Executive Producers: Rachel Raney and Amy Shumaker
UNC-TV, South Carolina ETV, NETA and WORLD

Best Limited Series Award

Daughters of Destiny

Executive Producer: Vanessa Roth
Netflix

The Defiant Ones

Executive Producers: Allen Hughes, Doug Pray, Andrew Kosove, Broderick Johnson, Laura Lancaster, Jerry Longarzo, Michael Lombardo, and Gene Kirkwood
HBO

The Keepers

Executive Producers: Ryan White and Jessica Hargrave
Netflix

The Vietnam War

Executive Producer: Ken Burns
PBS/WETA

TIME: The Kalief Browder Story

Executive Producers: Jenner Furst, Nick Sandow, Julia Willoughby Nason, Michael Gasparro, Shawn "JAY Z" Carter, Sharon Levy, Chachi Senior
Spike

Best Episodic Series Award

Anthony Bourdain Parts Unknown

Executive Producers: Anthony Bourdain, Christopher Collins, Lydia Tenaglia and Sandra Zweig
CNN

Chef's Table

Executive Producers: David Gelb, Matthew Weaver, Brian McGinn, Andrew Fried, Dane Lillegard and Matthew Hilliard
Netflix

Leah Remini: Scientology and the Aftermath

Executive Producers: Leah Remini, Aaron Saidman, Alex Weresow, Devon-Graham-Hammonds, Elaine Frontain Bryant and Amy Savitsky
A&E

MARS

Executive Producers: Ron Howard, Brian Grazer, Michael Rosenberg, Dave O'Connor, Jon Kamen, Tommy Turtle, David Sirulnick, Jonathan Silberberg, Lorenzo Mieli, Everardo Gout, Justin Wilkes, Tim Pastore, Matt Renner, Robert Palumbo, and David Sirulneck
National Geographic

Planet Earth II

Executive Producer: Michael Gunton
BBC AMERICA/BBC Worldwide

Best Short Form Series Award

Field of Vision

Executive Producers: Laura Poitras, AJ Schnack and Charlotte Cook
Field of Vision

Shorts on Time

Executive Producers: Julie Parker Benello
Lifetime

The Guardian documentaries

Executive Producers: Charlie Phillips and Lindsay Poulton
The Guardian

The New York Times Op-Docs

Executive Producer: Kathleen Lingo
The New York Times

The Secret Life of Muslims

Executive Producers: Joshua Seftel and Reza Aslan
Vox

David L. Wolper Student Documentary Award

Believers

Director: Ray Whitehouse
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Chomo

Director: Maayan Arad
National Film and Television School (United Kingdom)

How To Make A Pearl

Director: Jason Hanasik
UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism

Man on Fire

Director: Joel Fendelman
University of Texas, Austin

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Director: Priscilla Gonzalez Sainz
Stanford University

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