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Tyler Waters Wins Awards in IndieFEST Film Awards

Tyler waters Executive Producer of the short film Unbroken has won two prestigious Award of Merits from the IndieFEST Film Awards in California USA. The first award for his use of film/video for social change. Tyler's representation through words in his song told the journey of a child into adulthood battling the adversities of their gender identity bringing a social awareness to some issues transgender may go through. The 2nd Award was recognised in the LBGTQI+ category awarding a Merit of quality storytelling specific to the rainbow community worldwide.

Unbroken was performed in collaboration with singer Caitlin O'Reilly an artist who is the soulful voice bringing his words to life in a stunning performance. Produced and directed to engage with the community around gender transition to shine a wonderful light of inclusiveness for all LBGTQI+ people within our communities'. Unbroken features an exceptional story line, with heart felt moments of pain and turmoil evolving into freedom of one's self. Elise Vorodsky a Sydney actress and family member brings Tyler's journey to life as the tormented teenager and adult figure in a breathtaking way. Beautiful cinematography grasping each moment by Aaron Haberfield from Toybox Studios helped to make each frame a masterpiece. Directed by Kathy Moore an award-winning filmmaker, Unbroken does what it was meant to do, bring attention to a misrepresented subject of gender identity.

"Showing my story through film and song has been an open and raw experience for me. These awards give recognition of the message we are portraying. That the LBGTQI+ community are Brave and Resilient" Tyler Waters Producer and Song writer.

"I'm also proud of the cast who had to overcome some of their own personal inner struggles to make this film a reality and to give it a strong and honest voice. I am both enormously excited and humbly proud to receive this international award." Kathy Moore Director

"Tyler is my cousin, and it was an honour to play his younger self in this production. Growing up I would always admire Tyler for being brave and unapologetic about who he is. This award gives global recognition of his amazing talent". Elise Vohradsky Lead Actress.

"To tell cinematic impactful stories through the camera lens is what I love to do. Being recognised for this award is an unexpected honor. Thank you to Tyler for sharing this powerful story". Aaron Haberfield DOP

"Receiving this award means a great deal to me. I'm honoured to have collaborated on such a unique and outstanding project with a powerful message. To have my musical contribution recognised is uplifting and encouraging, and I'm incredibly grateful". Caitlin O'Reilly Unbroken Singer

"I'm so proud to be a part of such a special production. It's amazing that Unbroken is being recognised, there is so much heart and soul in this film! It is so well deserved". Timberlina/Tim Cast member

The IndieFEST Film Awards recognizes film, television, videography and new media professionals who demonstrate exceptional achievement in craft and creativity, and those who produce standout entertainment or contribute to profound social change. Entries are judged by highly qualified professionals in the film and television industry. Information about the IndieFEST and a list of recent winners can be found at www.theindiefest.com.

In winning an IndieFEST Film Award, Tyler Waters joins the ranks of other high-profile winners of this internationally respected award including 2021 Academy Award winner "If Anything Happens I Love You" by Laura Dern, Will McCormack and Michael Govier, Oscar-nominee Liam Neeson as the narrator of *Love Thy Nature, A Path Appears* Documentary featuring Oscar-winner George Clooney and Blake Lively, *Radical Grace* executive produced by Oscar-winner Susan Sarandon, a searing expose *Dauids and Goliath* by Peabody winner Leon Lee, and *Touched with Fire* starring Katie Holmes. Rick Prickett, who chairs The IndieFEST Film Awards, had this to say about the latest winners, "The IndieFEST is not an easy award to win. Entries are received from around the world from powerhouse companies to remarkable new talent. The IndieFEST helps set the standard for craft and creativity. The judges were pleased with the exceptional high quality of entries. The goal of The IndieFEST Film Awards is to help winners achieve the recognition they deserve." The Unbroken project continues in the future with the desire to make a documentary showing the day-to-day life of transgender people locally in Newcastle NSW and how the community views them with hope of shedding some light into the darkness of discrimination and ignorance. If you would like to know more about this project,

please email us. We are looking for help to secure grants and interested professionals who would like to join our crew to make this happen.

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