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NYF: Robert E. Frye appointed to World's Best TV & Films Advisory Board & Grand Jury

NEW YORK CITY, US: <u>New York Festivals World's Best TV & Films</u> announced the appointment of Robert E. Frye, Emmy award-winning producer and director, to the NYF TV & Film Awards Advisory Board and Grand Jury.



As advisory board member, Frye's creative vision and vast broadcast industry expertise will be an asset to the competition as it continues to address the needs of the worldwide television and film industry.

"New York Festivals Television & Film Awards has grown through the years and demonstrated its international commitment by recognizing the importance of bringing together a dynamic community of peer judges who identify with the true nature and spirit of the work created in the television and film industry today," said Bob Frye. "New York Festivals offers the opportunity for TV programming and films to seen in a global context and I am proud to be a member of this outstanding jury and advisory board."

With four decades of experience in documentaries and network news programs, Frye has been an independent documentary producer and director since 1988. Since that time he has completed more than 20 documentaries. Previously, during his 14-year career at ABC News, he was the founding executive producer of "ABC World News Tonight" with Peter Jennings, the executive producer of "Good Morning America" and the creator of "World News This Morning."

Frye was producer of the ABC Evening News while at ABC News in Washington D.C. with Barbara Walters and Harry Reasoner from 1976 to 1978 prior to his being assigned to the London bureau. As Washington Bureau Chief, he helped establish a news syndication service Television News Inc (TVN) which was a forerunner of CNN. The bureau was responsible for breaking stories related to Watergate, the resignation of Vice President Spiro, and the resignation of Richard Nixon.

He began his network career as a page at NBC and moved on to NBC News as the researcher to Frank McGee and the

NBC Instant Specials unit, covering such stories as the assassination of JFK and the overthrow of Nikita Khrushchev.

Frye's recently completed documentary <u>"In My Lifetime: A presentation of The Nuclear World Project,"</u> was an official selection of the Global Peace Film Festival, telling the story of the sixty five year struggle to find solutions on how to dispose of and reduce the number of nuclear weapons in the world. "In My Lifetime" earned a Silver World Medal in the 2013 New York Festivals TV & Film Awards.

His other documentaries deal with complex international subjects and include "Freedom without Walls" (2009) commemorating the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall; "The Berlin Trilogy" (2006) exploring 20th century Germany in "Kristallnacht: The Journey from 1938 to 1988"; "Journey of a City"; and "The Berlin Airlift." Frye also produced and directed "The Journey of Butterfly," a story of the Nazi ghetto at Terezin in Czechoslovakia, and "Russia: Facing the Future" (2001).

Throughout his career, Frye's body of work has received numerous industry accolades - the Emmy Award, two DuPont-Columbia University Silver Batons, the Peabody Award, the George Polk Award, the Christopher Award, a Rockie Award from the Banff Film Festival, a Golden Hugo from The Chicago International Film Festival, a Headliner, the IRE (Investigative Reporters) and a CINE Golden Eagles, as well as Gold and Silver Plaques from the Chicago International Film Festival's INTERCOM.

All Entries in the 2014 International TV & Film competition will be judged online and screened by <u>The Grand Jury</u> members who are award-winning producers, directors, writers, and other creative media professionals from around the globe. Winning entries will be showcased on the NYF TV & Film Awards website.

Entry details and competition <u>rules and regulations</u> can be found on the NYF Television & Film Awards website <u>www.newyorkfestivals.com</u>. <u>View a complete list of categories</u>.

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