

Mountain Lake PBS claims second Emmy for documentary



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Mountain Lake PBS has claimed a second Emmy statuette for a documentary, a twin to sit beside its first. The film "Arts in Exile: Tibetan Treasures in Small Town America" recently won in the "Outstanding Documentary" category at the 39th Boston/New England Regional Emmy Awards ceremony. This marks the second Emmy win for arts producer Paul Larson, whose last major documentary also took home the award.

"Arts in Exile" chronicles the creation of the Tibetan arts festival held last fall in Plattsburgh, New York, exploring how the city in northern New York was inspired by the culture of Tibet from across the globe. The documentary examines how several Tibetan refugees use the arts to raise awareness about the global problems they face and to keep their culture alive.

The program features insight from Tibet House President Dr. Robert Thurman, and the talents of photographer Sonam Zoksang, who owns a Tibetan store in Lake Placid, freedom singer Techung, who enjoys living in the Adirondacks, and many other visual artists and performers.

Larson said he shares this award with the director of photography Daniel McCullum and editor Michael C. Hansen. "Their talents helped give this film a very slick presentation that plays well at home, as well as on the big screen, which we saw when the Strand Center for the Arts honored it with a premiere in its historical auditorium," Larson said, adding that other large screen showings are in the works.

Also this spring, "Arts in Exile" received a New York State Broadcasters Association award in the "Outstanding Documentary" category.

"Arts in Exile: Tibetan Treasures in Small Town America" tied with "Omaha Beach Honor and Sacrifice" from the World War II Foundation/Ocean State Video for the Emmy, in a contest among six nominated documentaries. The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences distributes Regional Emmy® Awards in 20 regions across the United States.

To celebrate the Emmy win, Mountain Lake PBS will air Arts in Exile on Friday, July 8 at 10 p.m., Sunday, July 10 at 6 p.m., and Wednesday, July 13 at noon.

More information about "Arts in Exile: Tibetan Treasures in Small Town America" can be found at www.artsinexile.mountainlake.org.