



Local documentary selected for International Film Festival

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True Story Productions is pleased to announce the Canadian documentary FATHER FIGURES has been selected for International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam (IDFA) for International Premiere and mid-length competition.

IDFA is recognized as one of the leading documentary events in the world becoming an eleven day affair, screening more than 250 documentaries and attracting nearly 120,000 visitors.

Filmmakers Gillian Hrankowski & April Butler are beyond thrilled.

"We are incredibly honoured to be selected for such a prestigious festival," says Hrankowski. "We took a risk with style and how we approached the material as the story unfolded...and this is an amazing pay off."

Butler adds, "It's great to see our small intimate production receive international attention. The issues we present and the story we tell transcends borders."

FATHER FIGURES is a POV documentary that follows a Canadian woman who, while making the effort to get to know her father better, discovers a man she's horrified by when a dark secret is revealed about his new international relationship.

April Butler's father is 73 and proudly introduces her to his fiancée in the Philippines -- who is 50 years his junior. What begins as an awkward, quirky love story about family quickly spirals into a world of poverty and western entitlement.

IDFA takes place in Amsterdam November 20th - December 1st, 2013. IDFA is a Academy Award qualifying competition.

FATHER FIGURES is a local documentary produced and directed by Gillian Hrankowski and April Butler. The team is based in Vancouver and Victoria. The film was commissioned by Knowledge Network, in association with Rogers Doc Fund, TVO and Canadian Media Fund.

Documentary website: www.fatherfiguresdocumentary.com

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