

“Bicycle Dreams” Is Big Winner at Solstice Film Fest

Powerful film takes home three awards, including Best Documentary

Minneapolis, MN (June 29, 2009) – **BICYCLE DREAMS**, a new documentary by filmmaker Stephen Auerbach, has garnered three wins at the 2009 Solstice Film Festival in Minneapolis - **Best Documentary**, **Best Cinematography**, and **Best Original Score**. The awards continue a stretch of festival success for the film, which tells the story of the **Race Across America (RAAM)**, an epic 3000-mile bicycle race that challenges riders to cross the country in just ten days.

“**BICYCLE DREAMS** is an up-close look at what **RAAM** riders go through,” says Auerbach. “They deal with searing desert heat, agonizing mountain climbs, and endless stretches of open road. And they do it all while battling extreme exhaustion and sleep deprivation. It’s a great subject for a film.”

The awards represent the culmination of massive amounts of planning and logistics on the part of the filmmakers. To capture the mammoth scope of the race, Auerbach worked around the clock with a complement of 18 cameras. Auerbach then took on the enormous task of editing hundreds of hours of material into a powerful, inspiring look inside the most difficult race on Earth.

In addition to the wins at Solstice, **BICYCLE DREAMS** has picked up Best Documentary awards at the Fallbrook and Breckenridge film



The marquee outside of the Solstice Film Festival in Minneapolis, MN.

festivals, and played to packed theaters in San Francisco, Newport Beach, Boston, and other cities. The film continues its nationwide festival tour with an upcoming screening at the All Sports LA Film Festival on July 11th.

BICYCLE DREAMS is available on DVD on its official website, www.bicycledreamsmovie.com, which also features a trailer, news, and more information about the film.

ABOUT STEPHEN AUERBACH

Director Stephen Auerbach is an award-winning filmmaker known for telling powerful real world stories. His credits include **THE MEMORY BOX**, the story of a

Western medical team that travels to Ethiopia to provide crucial surgeries for children, and **THE CIRCUS COMES TO TOWN**, a documentary about the traveling circus troupes that brought smiles and laughter to millions during the Great Depression.



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