

## **Four Documentaries Awarded Winter 2017 Grants from The Rogovy Foundation**

(New York, NY). The Rogovy Foundation is pleased to announce the Miller / Packan Documentary Film Fund Winter 2017 award winners. The Fund awards grants totaling \$150,000 to between six and ten film projects annually through its Summer and Winter open calls.

The Fund's four selections represent a cross section of interests that the Foundation supports. The award winners for this Winter period are:

***The Quiet Zone*** — In the radio-silent town of Green Bank, West Virginia -- the only town in America with no cell phones or WiFi -- astronomers search for life beyond our planet as local residents struggle to live, love, grow up, relocate and evolve on earth. Director: Katie Dellamaggiore.

***The Untold Tales of Armistead Maupin*** — Interviews and stories follow the renowned author's journey from intolerant conservative to beloved writer known for his outrageous wit and open heart. Director: Jennifer Kroot. [www.documentary.org/film/untold-tales-armistead-maupin](http://www.documentary.org/film/untold-tales-armistead-maupin)

***The Guardians*** — An investigative documentary that examines the complicated history of court-appointed guardians in Nevada. Director: Billie Mintz.

***In the Closed Room*** — Each year several American suspects confess to a crime they did not commit. Experts say that trained interrogators can get anybody to confess to anything. Defense lawyer Jane is determined to make this insanity stop. Director: Katrine Philp. [www.goodcompanypictures.com/in-the-closed-room](http://www.goodcompanypictures.com/in-the-closed-room)

During the Winter open call, nearly 200 documentary film projects were submitted to the Miller / Packan Film Fund. "We're moved by the quantity, quality and scope of the projects submitted," says Hugh Rogovy, Foundation Founder. "There's an army of non-fiction filmmakers out there," added Asher Rogovy, Foundation Vice-President, "working tirelessly to make a difference."

Applications are now being accepted for the Summer 2017 open call, which ends May 15th.

Further details on the Miller / Packan Film Fund can be found at: [rogovy.org](http://rogovy.org) General inquiries can be emailed to: [info@rogovy.org](mailto:info@rogovy.org)

### About The Rogovy Foundation.

The Rogovy Foundation invests in inspired people and nonprofit organizations that are working to help build a more enlightened and harmonious planet. The Foundation sees documentary film as a potent medium which broadens our vision and changes our perspectives. We provide grants to filmmakers who open our eyes.

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