

The Rogovy Foundation Announces Summer Awards to Five Documentary Filmmakers

(New York, NY). The Rogovy Foundation is pleased to announce the Miller / Packan Documentary Film Fund Summer award winners. The Fund awards grants totaling \$150,000 to between six and ten film projects annually. The Summer open call ended May 15th, 2016, and the Winter open call ends November 15th, 2016.

The Fund's five selections represent a cross section of interests that the Foundation supports. The Summer 2016 Winners are:

Night School — Three adult students, over the course of a school year, challenge themselves to improve their lives through education. Director: Andrew Cohn. www.nightschoolfilm.com

Silent Forests — In Cameroon and Congo's lush jungles, one of Africa's most iconic species – the forest elephant – is being slaughtered to extinction. These are the men and women who are fighting to stop the flow of illegal ivory. Director: Mariah Wilson. www.facebook.com/silentforests/

My Country No More — Generations of family farming tradition go up in flames as the North Dakota oil boom leaves human memory, culture and identity scorched in its wake. Director: Rita Baghdadi. www.mycountrynomore.com

Pigeon Kings — Black and Latino men from South Central Los Angeles, who have a passion for breeding and training this acrobatic breed, prepare to compete in the Roller Pigeon World Cup. Director: Milena Pastreich. www.milenapastreich.com/birdmen.html

Losing Sight of Shore — The extraordinary journey of four women that row the Pacific Ocean from San Francisco to Australia unsupported. They are the first team, and the fastest team, to ever accomplish this phenomenal feat. Director: Sarah Moshman. www.losingsightofshore.com

During this Summer open call, 279 documentary film projects were submitted to the Miller / Packan Film Fund. *"We're overwhelmed by the strong response and number of worthy projects submitted,"* says Hugh Rogovy, Foundation Founder. *"We chose projects based upon the ideals and values of the Foundation,"* added Asher Rogovy, Foundation Vice-President, *"along with the quality of the film we hope to see."*

Further details on the Miller / Packan Film Fund can be found at: rogovy.org General inquiries can be emailed to: info@rogovy.org

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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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