

Six Documentaries Awarded Summer 2019 Grants from The Rogovy Foundation

(New York, NY). The Rogovy Foundation is pleased to announce the Miller / Packan Documentary Film Fund Summer 2019 award winners. The Fund awards grants totaling \$200,000 annually through its Summer and Winter open calls.

The Fund's six selection of award winners for this Summer period are:

Our Land — In a time of growing income inequality in America, there is one asset that remains in the hands of the American people: the 640 million acres of America's Public Lands. Powerful forces have aligned to attempt the largest land grab in modern history. Director: David Byars.

Weed Dreams — As California legalized recreational cannabis sales, Oakland became the first city in the nation to adopt a Cannabis Equity Program, an ambitious attempt to address racial inequality and rectify the injustices of the war on drugs. Director: Mathew Ramirez Warren.

Parkland — The film follows the high school students and families who became fierce leaders of a national movement for gun reform following the shooting of 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High in 2018. Director: Cheryl Horner McDonough.

True Believer — An earnest pastor and a remorseful activist reveal how a religion was hijacked for political gain, underscoring what's at stake for our Democracy if the evangelical community doesn't reckon with its own history. Director: Kristen Irving-Jordan.

SORTED or: How I learned to stop worrying and save the world— A young Bangladeshi woman takes her uncertain future into her own hands to change the destiny of her family, her country and the planet. Director: Kurt Norton.

Stripped for Parts: American Journalism at the Crossroads — Hedge funds and private equity are plundering what is left of America's newspapers. The film follows the struggle for the resources and soul of America's news media. Production grant. Director: Rick Goldsmith.

"Once again we're overwhelmed by the outstanding projects independent doc filmmakers are producing," said Hugh Rogovy, Foundation Founder. *"We're pleased to announce this summer's winners, and look forward to the impact they will achieve."*

Applications are now being accepted for the Winter 2019 Open Call, ending November 15th.

Further details on the Miller / Packan Film Fund can be found at: 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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