

Autism Short Film a Multi-Winner in World Film Festivals

A STORY OF AUTISM, SUICIDE
AND HOPE

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HIDE YOUR LOVE AWAY

STARRING Bill Jenkins, Hunter Douglas, Bryan Douglas and Linda K. Leonard

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER Dan E. Burns DIRECTED BY Linda K. Leonard

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY Edwin L. Williams II EDITED BY Brian Levin SOUND AND LIGHT DESIGNER David Pinkston

CASTING by LKL Productions MUSIC BY Justin Johnson WRITTEN BY Dan E. Burns & Shiitaki Mama

ALL STORMS MUST PASS

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"Hide Your Love Away," tells the story of a man who struggles to rescue an at-risk boy with autism. It is a top-tier film festival competitor across the globe. Festivals in Athens, Barcelona, Cannes, Houston, LA, London, New York, Paris, Singapore, and more have honored this film from "Finalist" to "Best Film." And the festival season is far from over.

Dan E. Burns, writer-producer and founder of Appleseed Ventures, is the father of an adult son with autism. In this short film, Burns tells a story inspired by years of working with teens and young adults on the spectrum. When Zero, a bullied, abandoned, autistic teen threatens suicide, his group home guardian Josh, an autism dad, must throw him a lifeline or sink in the storm.

"In 14 exciting minutes, our audiences more fully understand the breadth and depth of autism, the challenges, suffering, and heroism it can create," Burns said.

"Hide Your Love Away" has already received exceptional acclaim, including Best Film and Best Dramatic Short. Best Screenplay awards went to Burns and co-writer Shiitake Mama. Linda Leonard has won multiple Best Director awards and glowing praise. Festival judges named William Jenkins, playing Josh, Best Actor. Jenkins and Hunter Douglas as Zero took Best Acting Duo. The kudos keep coming: Brian Levin for Best Film Editing and David Pinkston for Best Sound Design.

Festivals provide opportunities worldwide for filmmakers to share their work, receive feedback, find their audience, and earn critical prestige. Burns said, "This is a high-concept short film that packs a powerful message. 'Hide Your Love Away' is making its mark."

"Hide Your Love Away" is a production of Appleseed Ventures.

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