

Deserted in Bertie Selected to Premiere at Milan Film Festival

Examining solutions to reduce "Food Apartheid" and directed by Dr. Keyonda Smith, *Deserted in Bertie* is an award-winning documentary with an official selection to premiere at the prestigious Milan Film Festival in Northern Italy's capital, Milan.



Milan, Italy Nov 27, 2023 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - "We are absolutely thrilled and honored that our film has been selected for the [Milan Film Festival](https://mafafestival.org/2023/11/10/winners-fall-2023/). It's a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved in this project. Being part of this prestigious festival is a recognition of our efforts and an incredible opportunity to share our story with a diverse and enthusiastic audience. We believe in the power of storytelling to address social justice issues, and we can't wait to see how our film resonates with viewers in Milan, Italy. This is a fantastic chance to reach a wider audience, incite action, and spark meaningful conversations. We are truly grateful for this opportunity and can't wait to celebrate the magic of documentary cinema with fellow filmmakers and film lovers alike."~ Dr. Keyonda Smith - Director

Deserted in Bertie explores a predominately African American population, with only one single grocery store covering the county's entire 741 square miles. Shopping for junk food is more convenient and economically feasible due to mere accessibility and affordability. Bertie County's economic deprivation has resulted in 100% of all children receiving free school lunches, as the U.S. Census Bureau reported the unemployment rate in Bertie County was 10 to 12%.

Directed by freshman filmmaker [Dr. Keyonda Smith](#), *Deserted in Bertie* has been nationally and internationally recognized by numerous film festivals, including the Atlanta Movie Awards, Rio de Janeiro World Film Festival, Austin International Art Festival, Santa Monica International Filmmaker Festival, Melbourne Independent Film Festival, Washington Film Awards, and several others. As a novel filmmaker, [Dr. Smith's achievements](#) and contributions to the industry are nothing short of remarkable. She relies heavily on her advanced research skills and artistic abilities. With a keen eye for storytelling and an unwavering commitment to shedding light on important issues, Dr. Smith has consistently delivered thought-provoking and impactful expository documentaries.

[Milan Filmmaker Awards](#) is a seasonal international film festival. It is a unique platform for new talent and celebrates cinematic creativity and innovation. The festival attracts a broad selection of shorts and features by filmmakers working in every genre and format and offers the people of Milan and visitors an extraordinary chance to glimpse the future of cinema. During each season, films submitted to the Milan Filmmaker Awards are judged by an International Jury on their overall artistic and technical quality on a performance scale. Due to stringent judging guidelines, only a few finalist films are selected for screening and awards.

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