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Accolade Awards for “The Story of Lydia” in Two Categories

Producer/Director Steve Thomson is proud to announce that his company Backstage Productions International/Lydia Productions is one of this year’s recipients of a prestigious Accolade Award in The Category of Children/Family Programming and Voice-over Talent (Steve Thomson).



The Accolade is an independent, international award competition entering its sixth year. It recognizes television professionals who demonstrate exceptional achievement in craft and creativity. The goal of The Accolade is to discover and honor those who produce standout entertainment and those who contribute to social change and humanitarian efforts.

The Story of Lydia has been a labor of love for Thomson and all those who participated in the project.

“It takes a lot of dedicated people to put a production like this together and to have won an Accolade Award in two categories makes all the hard work worthwhile. We share this Award with all the talented people who worked on the film, particularly Mike del Mundo (Art Director/Animator), Paul Bay (Editor/Animator), George Seara (Audio), Avi Schwarzman (Associate Producer), Selwyn Harris (Promotion Manager), Stefanos Karabekos (The Symphony Orchestra of Canada), David Bacha (Lyricist) and especially Brigitte Manuceau for writing such inspiring songs with such beautiful melodies.”

The Story of Lydia, a musical produced in the style of an animated fairy tale, has been broadcast on CTS in Canada. The story has been packaged for retail as a Hybrid Media Collection in an elaborate DigiPack, which contains an easy to read 52 page book illustrated in full color, a DVD featuring the long-form production with optional sub-titles designed for learning to read and speak new languages, a sing along (Karaoke) feature, the six part serialized version of the program plus a read along CD with separate music tracks including a bonus track from The Symphony Orchestra of Canada. The program is currently available in English and French with Arabic and Hebrew in production with other languages to follow.

These are the second and third Accolade Awards for Backstage Productions International.

See the first Accolade award at: www.backstageproductions.com/backstageproductionsnew/letitrock.html.

Thomson will be attending MIPCOM in Cannes seeking Distribution for available markets.

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Please watch the trailer at www.thestoryoflydia.com/trailer.htm

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