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MMA Goes to Cannes Film Festival

Bobby Razak Secures Two Film Shorts in Prestigious Festival



Los Angeles, CA (PRWEB) April 29, 2008 -- In another creative display of the rapid growth of the sport of mixed martial arts (MMA) Bobby Razak lands another win with two film shorts acceptance into World renowned Festival de Cannes Short Film Corner. The festival runs May 14-24 2008 not far from the French Riviera.

"Invincible Warrior" starring UFC's Chuck Liddell and John Lewis is a 33-minute short that takes a look at the path of two of MMA's greatest warriors. The film sponsored by MAX Extreme Fighting goes back over ten years portraying their bare knuckles beginnings and their channeled mindset that makes a fighter unbeatable. Razak's second short of 20-minutes, "Love Pain Eternal", is a unique demonstration of his own path of love and violence that reveals a karmic turning point and reflects upon the early days of the sport. He introduces his sparring partner Heman Gipson who also appears in the first season of Razak's cable TV series "Underground Kings" scheduled to air on Time Warner's VOD channel in May 2008.

"I've always been a risk taker but releasing this film is by far the greatest challenge for me. I never meant for it to be public. I produced Love Pain Eternal for very personal reasons," states Razak. "I guess you can call it payback for doing to myself what I do in all my other films, not only exposing the core but reaching in and stirring it up a bit."

As MMA continues to 'go global' Razak documents MMA's transition from underground to mainstream popularity as well as the legal, ethical and make-or-break career decisions that will mold the industry.



As a young boy growing up in Tottenham, London, England, Bobby Razak found himself extremely inspired by the art of film. Movies such as "Spartacus," "Enter the Dragon," and "Casablanca" triggered Bobby's dream to become a filmmaker. Determined not to let his dream go, Razak moved from England to Los Angeles, CA to pursue his career in film. Once in L.A., Bobby began working for various production companies until he was able to raise the money to produce and direct the critically acclaimed documentary, "Rites of Passage." The film explores the world of mixed martial arts (MMA) and enters the minds of the athletes featured providing a one of a kind, thoughtful, and introspective view of the MMA world. "Rites of Passage," was screened at Sundance Film Festival and appeared on In-Demand PPV across the USA.

Pushing the boundaries, Bobby's next film, "Pit Fight," was shot on 35mm film and contains real bare-knuckle fighting. "Pit Fight" was premiered in the Los Angeles International Short Film Festival, was screened at the Berlin Film Festival, and won numerous visual awards from around the world. He then produced "Invincible Warrior" and "Underground NHB". Switching gears, Bobby's next film, "Love, Pain, Eternal," explores the concepts of love, friendship, and self using his own life experiences. The powerfully emotional film will premiere at Festival de Cannes Short Film Corner May 2008. In April 2008, Bobby will be directing a brand new MMA reality show called "Underground Kings of MMA". He also produces in association with MAX Extreme Fighting, "The High Kings of MMA Scotland" and a new show in Abu Dhabi coming summer 2008. Still passionate about his work, Bobby continues to seek out new ideas to capture on film. Often fueled by the experiences in his own life, you never know where Bobby's next film will lead its viewers.



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