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### **Director Mariusz Kotowski Wins Indie Fest for “Esther’s Diary”**

(Austin, TX – June 8, 2010) – Producer/Director Mariusz Kotowski, of Bright Shining City Productions, has won a prestigious Award of Merit from *The Indie Fest*. The award was given for Kotowski’s poignant drama, *Esther’s Diary*, a fascinating film exposing the internal conflicts among Jewish and Christian survivors of the Holocaust in Poland. *Esther’s Diary* starring Sydney Barrosse (*Friday Night Lights*), Shelley Calene-Black, and an extraordinary performance by Juli Erickson (*Carried Away*), features a unique story line that explores the painful aftermath of the Holocaust and the profound impact it has had on both survivors and their descendants alike.

Kotowski relates, “It is a pleasure to win this award for my film, *Esther’s Dairy*, which focuses on a topic very close to my heart. I felt it was imperative for me to make this film as a reminder of the lasting effect a tragedy such as the Holocaust has on society and how important it is to never forget.”

*The Indie Fest* recognizes film professionals who demonstrate exceptional achievement in craft and creativity, and those who produce standout entertainment or contribute to profound social change. Entries are judged by highly qualified professionals in the film industry. Information about the *Indie Fest* and a list of recent winners can be found at [www.theindiefest.com](http://www.theindiefest.com).

In winning an *Indie*, Bright Shining City Productions joins the ranks of other high-profile winners of this internationally respected award. Thomas Baker, Ph.D., who chairs the *Indie Fest*, had this to say about the winners, “*The Indie* is not an easy award to win. Entries are received from around the world. *The Indie* helps set the standard for craft and creativity. The judges were pleased with the exceptionally high quality of entries. The goal of *The Indie* is to help winners achieve the recognition they deserve.”

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