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**Julianne Eggold, Director of *The Finding Papa Movie*, Wins Award in IndieFEST Film Awards**

**San Diego, CA** – Julianne Eggold, of *The Finding Papa Movie*, has won a prestigious Award of Recognition for Women Filmmaker from the IndieFEST Film Awards. The award was given for Julianne Eggold’s heartfelt feature documentary film *The Finding Papa Movie*, which shows the true journey of sisters Julianne and Joelle as they set out to discover what happened to their father after his chaotic death 20 years earlier. *The Finding Papa Movie* features exceptional scenery driving through California while gathering clues from investigators, professors, psychics, and spiritual leaders. And by a twist of fate, the sisters get answers in a very unique Hollywood ending.

“I am very honored to be given this award as a woman filmmaker and as a student, having just received my master’s degree in social work from San Diego State University,” Julianne explained. “At heart, my sister and I are helpers, hoping that others might find solace in this film and derive peace from their own experiences with grief. Whether it’s losing a job, a home, a relationship, or a loved one, we all grapple with loss. We wanted to tell our story to relate to this human experience while honoring our dad’s memory.”

*The IndieFEST Film Awards* recognizes film, television, videography and new media 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 and television industry. Information about the IndieFEST can be found at [www.theindiefest.com](http://www.theindiefest.com).

In winning an IndieFEST Film Award, Julianne Eggold and *The Finding Papa Movie* join the ranks of other high-profile winners of this internationally respected award including 2021 Academy Award winner *If Anything Happens I Love You* by Laura Dern, Will McCormack and Michael Govier, Oscar-nominee Liam Neeson as the narrator of *Love Thy Nature, A Path Appears* Documentary featuring Oscar-winner George Clooney and Blake Lively, *Radical Grace* executive produced by Oscar-winner Susan Sarandon, a searing expose *Dauids and Goliath* by Peabody winner Leon Lee, and *Touched with Fire* starring Katie Holmes. Rick Prickett, who chairs The IndieFEST Film Awards, had this to say about the latest winners, “The IndieFEST is not an easy award to win. Entries are received from around the world from powerhouse companies to remarkable new talent. The IndieFEST helps set the standard for craft and creativity. The judges were pleased with the exceptional high quality of entries. The goal of The IndieFEST Film Awards is to help winners achieve the recognition they deserve.”

*The Finding Papa Movie* is a part of Mouse and Weens Productions, a company started in 2018 with a podcast of the same name. Owners Joelle Kohn and Julianne Eggold started Mouse and Weens to bring a sense of community to the audience, while exploring fascinating human behavior through conversations and interviews. The mission to bring the feelings of understanding, friendship, learning, and joy, drives the company's values.

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