



## 'Harv' Documentary Wins at 2017 Greenwich Village Film Festival

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On Wednesday night, **The Greenwich Village Film Festival** hosted the world premiere of the touching documentary, “**Harv.**”

Shot during the final three months of **Harvard Toback**’s life, the short doc celebrates the life of one of the original “Mad Men” who made his mark during the Golden Age of Advertising and the art legacy he left.

Harvard's son, **Adam Toback** (producer) and director **Stephen Tucker** took home "*Best Greenwich Village Portrait.*"

An artist and creative director, Harv lived in New York City from 1929 until his passing in September of 2017. During his battle with kidney disease, undergoing dialysis treatment, Harv found the miraculous strength to fulfill his lifelong dream of starting, not one, but two art galleries.

Having created legendary advertising campaigns with his firms *West, Weir and Bartel* and later with his own firm *Boyce, Smith & Toback* for companies such as *American Express, News Radio 88, Houbigant* and *Steinway & Sons*; Harv had a

passion, not just for creating art, but for encouraging those around him to express themselves as well.

Through friend's memories, "Harv" is a heartwarming look at his efforts to spread love through art; curating a 500 square foot gallery space in Chelsea for everyone and anyone. His final feat was opening an art gallery at his dialysis center. The Gallery at Fresenius Kidney Care grew to exhibit the work of the patients, doctors, nurses and medical staff on five walls of the dialysis unit's waiting area.



In keeping Harv's memory alive, "**The Harv Toback Fund for the Arts**" was established to provide funding for Art Therapy programs for Hospitals and other medical facilities.

*To watch the film and find out more info on how to donate, please visit [www.harvtobackfund.org](http://www.harvtobackfund.org)*

For an in-depth interview with [Adam Toback](#), [click here](#).

