

## **Actors Chris Cooper and Marianne Leone Cooper film introduction and close to the Footpath Pictures' Documentary Feature, "Certain Proof"**

Boulder, DATE 10/29/12 - Academy Award-winning actor, Chris Cooper has filmed an introduction to the Footpath Pictures' feature documentary, CERTAIN PROOF it was announced today. Also announced, Marianne Leone Cooper will close the documentary with a poem from her memoir, JESSE, A MOTHER'S STORY.

CERTAIN PROOF follows the lives of three children with cerebral palsy and their struggle against the public schools in an emotional battle to prove their worth. Despite significant disabilities, Josh, Colin and Kay fight to prove they are able to learn and deserve to be taught. Facing relentless barriers to a meaningful education, their mothers try to give them a voice. Between a question of worth and the quality of their future, three young lives hang in the balance.

In 1987, The Coopers' son Jesse was born ten weeks premature and suffered from cerebral palsy until his passing in 2005. The Coopers have a long history of support for causes related to enriching the lives of children with special needs.

Filmed in Massachusetts in early September, Chris Cooper's two-minute introduction shares his family's story and the importance of believing that all children can learn. Marianne chronicled their experience and Jesse's quest for an education in her memoir, JESSE, A MOTHER'S STORY published by Simon and Schuster. She chose a poem from the book written by Jesse entitled, "Inside/Outside" to close the documentary.

"We are overjoyed that Chris and Marianne wanted to be part of CERTAIN PROOF," said director, Ray Ellis. "Their generous participation will help shed light on the need for improving education for children with special needs everywhere."

Added Producer Susan Ellis, "The Cooper's involvement added a new dimension to the film and we are extremely grateful to them both for their time, kindness and support."

The film had its world premiere at the Vail Film Festival and its Hollywood premiere at the Dances With Films Festival. Footpath Pictures is currently in negotiations to sell U.S. television rights.

CERTAIN PROOF is directed by Ray Ellis; produced by Susan Ellis; Music by Rod Abernethy; Associated Producer Patrice Donnell; Edited by Ray Ellis, Susan Ellis and Greg Shank. <http://www.certainproof.com>

## **About Footpath Pictures, Inc.**

Footpath Pictures is a documentary production company dedicated to inspiring social change through film. Their subject matter includes public education, health and human needs, the environment, and peace and reconciliation. Whether capturing sacred places in Guatemala, the endangered Black Rhino in Namibia or the wisdom of a child fighting cancer, Footpath finds stories that have the potential to truly engage audiences and offer hope and vision for a better tomorrow. In addition to raising public awareness, their films have played an integral role in raising millions of dollars for non-profit organizations here and abroad. <http://www.footpathpictures.com>

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