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*Di Passaggio* wins Accolade Competition's Award of Merit 21-year-old director James Kicklighter takes prize in Documentary Feature division

Statesboro, GA – *Di Passaggio*, a JamesWorks Entertainment production, has won the prestigious Award of Merit from The Accolade Competition. The award was given for James Kicklighter's documentary feature shot in Italy, following a group of University System of Georgia students on an international adventure to find themselves, framed by a filmmaker at odds with his own past. *Di Passaggio* was recognized alongside productions from ABC News, USA Today Live, Eyewitness Kids News and many others.

"It is a true honor to receive this award, and I can't imagine winning it without the terrific cast and crew that I was so fortunate to work with," said director and producer James Kicklighter. "I am deeply humbled for our documentary to join such a distinguished list of films past and present." Writer and producer Mark Ezra Stokes continued, "When we started production on *Di Passaggio*, we knew it wouldn't have a huge audience, so winning the *The Accolade* Award of Merit affirms that there is space for even the smallest, most intricate of stories."

The Accolade recognizes film, television and videography professionals who demonstrate exceptional achievement in craft and creativity, and those who produce standout entertainment or contribute to profound social change. They undergo a rigorous evaluation process recognized by buyers and distributors with outstanding industry organizations like the American Film Market (AFM) and the National Association of Television Program Executives (NATPE).

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