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Virginia Voices Wins Gold CINDY Award Film Will Air on WVPT/PBS in Harrisonburg on October 8, 2015

Richmond, VA— The Virginia Historical Society (VHS) is proud to announce that its film, *Virginia Voices*, won a gold medal CINDY award in the short film category (any film under 60 minutes). The Cinema in Industry (CINDY) Awards recognize professionals who create exceptional media content. A gold medal is the top prize and the short film category is the most competitive. *Virginia Voices* also won special achievements in directing and editing.

“We have something very special to offer in *Virginia Voices*. It is the first crowdsourced film of its kind, and is truly a self-portrait of our state. It could easily be the top museum film of 2015,” said VHS President and CEO, Paul Levensgood.

Virginia Voices will air on television for the first time this week. Tune into WVPT/PBS on Thursday night, October 8 at 8:00 p.m.

“I’m excited to see *Virginia Voices* on public television through WVPT in Harrisonburg. I know many of the featured individuals in the film who live in the Shenandoah Valley and Central and Northern Virginia will enjoy seeing themselves on TV,” said Levensgood.

From 2013 to 2014, BPI film producer Jeff Boedeker and his crew traveled across Virginia to gather stories from Virginians. In tandem, video cameras were sent out across the state for Virginians to capture their own stories for the film.

Those who participated were asked four questions:

- What’s your favorite place?
- What’s your family history?
- What’s in your backyard?
- What are your hopes?

You can view all of the stories gathered and documented by Virginians for this film at www.virginiavoices.org.

Virginia Voices premiered at the VHS in the spring of 2015. The 38-minute film screens daily at the VHS in the Robins Family Forum on the hour beginning at 10:00 a.m. with the last screening at 4:00 p.m. The film is a fully funded project of the VHS’s \$38 million Story of Virginia Campaign, of which more than \$36 million has been committed.

The Virginia Historical Society (VHS)—a privately funded nonprofit organization—collects, preserves, and interprets the commonwealth’s history, linking past with present to inspire future generations. The VHS is located at 428 North Boulevard in Richmond’s Museum District. Hours are Monday – Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for the galleries and museum shop, Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for the library. For more information about the VHS call (804) 358-4901, visit vahistorical.org, or connect with the VHS on Facebook and Twitter. ###

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