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### **'Hope For Steve' Chosen For 2015 Arizona International Film Festival**

*Documentary Selected After Record Number of Submissions from 40 Countries*

**Atlanta, Georgia – March 10, 2015** – Today, H4S Films, an Atlanta-based company announced that its documentary 'Hope For Steve' has officially been chosen for the 2015 Arizona International Film Festival.

When learning of its selection Hope stated, "Steve had tears in his eyes when I told him about the film being accepted to AIFF." Through his TOBII, a computer that helps him communicate, Steve typed, "think of all the people who are now going to know more about ALS!"

The film chronicles a two year journey of Hope and Steve Dezember from their carefree romance to Steve's diagnosis at 28-years old with ALS, a terminal and progressive neurodegenerative disease. Two days after being diagnosed, Steve proposed to his girlfriend. "This is going to be really hard, and if you leave, I understand. But if you stay...will you marry me?" She said YES! Steve was diagnosed with ALS in August 2011 and they were married two months later.

"Being selected while up against a record number of independent filmmakers from 40 countries around the world is a tremendous accomplishment for this team," stated co-director and producer, Sarah Spicer. "We are deeply honored and excited to be chosen."

"It is a story of love, living life to the fullest no matter what is in front of you and it helps spread awareness about the need for research to combat this crippling disease," added co-director Matt Moore.

The independent film was made possible through Kickstarter and the generosity of key donors and friends of Hope and Steve Dezember.

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease," affects the nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. ALS is terminal; it has no cure. ALS progressively robs those affected by causing muscle weakness, paralysis and, ultimately, respiratory failure. The average lifespan after diagnosis is two to five years.

For more information about the documentary, go to [www.hopeforstevefilm.com](http://www.hopeforstevefilm.com). To view the trailer, go to: <http://youtu.be/tQvMNPIbFvY>

TO HELP FIND A CURE: [www.ALS.net](http://www.ALS.net)

The 2015 Arizona International Film Festival is held in Tucson, AZ and will run from April 9-26, 2015, for more information go to: <http://filmfestivalarizona.com>

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