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### **'Hope For Steve' Chosen For 2015 Festival South Film Expo Documentary Selected After Record Number of Submissions**



**Atlanta, Georgia – April 21, 2015** – Today, H4S Films, an Atlanta-based film company announced that its documentary 'Hope For Steve' has officially been chosen for the 2015 Festival South Film Expo. This selection marks the fourth award in six weeks for the 'Hope For Steve' Documentary Feature.

When learning of yet another selection of the Documentary in such a short timeframe, Steve said, "I am beyond encouraged by the response to our story. I feel like I can keep tackling each hurdle ALS brings with all the love and support surrounding us."

"The memories captured in this film not only spread love and ALS awareness, but knowing that many more people will know about ALS and this journey helps heal us!", Hope added.

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 again while up against other great independent filmmakers 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.

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>

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ABOUT FESTIVALSOUTH EXPO: Mississippi has given rise to some incredible artistic talents: From Tennessee Williams to Elvis Presley and B.B. King to William Faulkner, Eudora Welty and Morgan Freeman, the very soil seems to teem with creative potential.

Mississippi's "Hub" City, Hattiesburg, MS now brings to the state a premiere film festival to showcase its state's burgeoning film industry. Join us for two weeks of music, theatre, arts and entertainment. <http://www.festivalsouth.org/>

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