

## **“MOON BEAT” Wins 2009 Special Jury Remi Award at 42nd WorldFEST Houston Film Festival**

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*Doc Film Recalls July' 69 First Moon Landing on Eve of 40th Anniversary; News Reporters, NASA and Nostalgia Featured in Apollo XI Documentary*

"Moon Beat" the nostalgic 40th anniversary Apollo XI documentary, featuring top news reporters and senior NASA officials has won the 2009 Special Jury Remi Award at the 42nd Annual WorldFest-Houston International Film Festival. WorldFest Houston is one of the oldest and largest film & video competitions in the world.

“Congratulations on winning this 2009 Special Jury Remi Award for your documentary film, “Moon Beat,” said J. Hunter Todd, Chairman and WorldFest Founding Director. “It is very difficult to win a Remi in WorldFest, with so many entries, only about 15-20% are good enough to win the Special Jury Award for Creative Excellence.”

“Moon Beat” recalls the 1969 historic flight of Apollo XI on its 40th anniversary, from the perspective of many of the top news reporters who covered and wrote about the U.S. Space program for many years including: John Noble Wilford, New York Times, Al Neuharth, Founder, USA Today and Florida Today, Reg Turnill, BBC Aerospace Correspondent and Joe Morgenstern, Film Critic, The Wall Street Journal and many others. In addition, the documentary film features interviews with senior NASA officials including Jack W. King (Voice of Apollo) who is best remembered for his exhilarating Apollo launch countdowns by millions of Apollo enthusiasts around the world.

“Thank you to all of the members of the WorldFest Jury Committee. It is a great honor to win this Special Jury Remi Award,” said Moon Beat Director/Producer Kevin Stirling. “Apollo XI embodies the timeless ‘can-do’ American-spirit.”

The documentary film also features interviews with: George Alexander, Mark Bloom, Kay Bloom, Sue Butler, Henry S. F. Cooper, Jr., Donald C. Drake, Hugh W. Harris, Arthur Hill, Leon Jaroff, Bill Larson, Victor McElheny, Jesco von Puttkamer, John J. Wilhelm, George Wilson and Wolfgang Will.

WorldFest Houston is the oldest Independent Film & Video Festival in the World and is the festival that discovered Steven Spielberg, George Lucas, Ang Lee, John Lee Hancock, Randall Kleiser, Ridley Scott, Robert Rodriguez, Robert Townsend, The Coen Brothers, Spike Lee, Oliver Stone and David Lynch with their very first awards. Others include: The Coen Brothers, Bryan De Palma, Jonathan Demme, Michael Demme, Spike Lee, George Lucas, David Lynch, Paul Mazursky, Oliver Stone, and hundreds more.

For More Information:

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