

Little Town of Bethlehem

✖ *Little Town of Bethlehem*,

from EthnoGraphic Media (EGM), has been nominated for the 2011 Reel Rose Award for Best Documentary Film and The People's Festival Award. Additionally, it was selected as a featured film for the John Paul II International Film Festival.

The festival, which will be held in south Florida, chose "The Mystery of Love" as its theme this year. *Little Town of Bethlehem* was selected from many submissions around the world reflecting the meaning of love. The award ceremony will begin Feb. 26.

Produced by Mart Green, owner and founder of Mardel Christian supply stores, and directed by Jim Hanon (*End of the Spear*), the documentary chronicles the lives of three men—a Palestinian Muslim, a Palestinian Christian and an Israeli Jew. Each was born into violence but is willing to risk everything to bring peace.

Sami Awad, a Palestinian Christian, is the executive director of Holy Land Trust, which promotes Palestinian independence through peaceful measures. Yonatan Shapira, an Israeli Jew, is an advocate for peace worldwide. Ahmad Al' Azzeh, a Palestinian Muslim, leads the nonviolence program at Holy Land Trust.

Award-winning director Hanon says of the film's viewpoint: "*Little Town of*

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doesn't focus on who's right or who's wrong. Rather, it shows what it truly means and ultimately takes to love one's enemies. Images of men, women and children standing firm in the face of overwhelming opposition are as inspirational as the words, thoughts and actions of Martin Luther King Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi that Sami, Yonatan and Ahmad each recalled during filming. However, *Little Town of Bethlehem* doesn't just inspire viewers. It also raises an important question—'Might love be the greatest weapon of all?'"

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