

## OKLAHOMA FILMMAKER BRINGS BLIND FENCING TO SEATTLE

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### **George Adams, a multi-award-winning filmmaker, screens his latest documentary for audiences at Seattle's True Independent Film Festival.**

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK – April 17, 2014 – Documentary filmmaker, George Adams, finds his way to Seattle with his latest award-winning documentary, *Touche: A Blind Fencer's Story*, screening in May at the Seattle True Independent Film Festival.

Adams spent 18 months documenting a single mother in her mid-thirties, Catherine Bolton, who recently lost her eyesight and is learning to live with blindness. The film chronicles the difficulty she and her teenage daughter have as they overcome life's obstacles. Bolton does persevere as the Olympic sport of fencing helps her gain the much needed self-assurance to cope with her struggles.

Following Bolton and four other low/no vision fencers, Adams said it had a profound affect. "I think those of us who can see are deathly afraid of losing the use of our sight. But after spending so much time with this group of people with low and/or no vision... if I were to lose my sight, I would hope, I have as much confidence to embrace life as they do."

Fencing can be a daunting sport for a sighted person, yet the abilities needed are extremely important to a person without sight. The sport requires thick protective jackets, masks, gloves and uses swords. "And yet," Adams says, "this group is empowered! They can pick up an epee, challenge a sighted fencer, and win! That's a huge confidence builder."

Adams has submitted to various festivals in hopes to screen the film to audiences here in the U.S. and internationally. The film was presented with a Golden Eagle Award from the CINE Organization and a won a Gold Reel Award for Best Documentary at the Las Vegas International Film Festival. It is also nominated for Best Short Documentary and Best Film Score at the upcoming Madrid International Film Festival in Spain.

Adams will be in person when *Touche: A Blind Fencer's Story* screens at 8PM, May 8<sup>th</sup> at the LUCID Lounge 5241 University Way NE, Seattle, WA 98105. For interview opportunities or additional information, contact Yareni Alvarado at 405.823.6460, [touché.prod@yahoo.com](mailto:touché.prod@yahoo.com), or [touchemovie.com](http://touchemovie.com)

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