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**“WIND RIDERS” – A Film About Three Inspirational Balloonists –  
Premiered at the World’s Largest Balloon Festival**

**ALBUQUERQUE, NM October 16, 2019** – NewbornDreamer Films, Viceroy Films, and August Road Entertainment premiered their latest film, “**Wind Riders**,” on October 7<sup>th</sup> at Albuquerque’s historic KiMo Theatre. The red-carpet event included the families of Richard Abruzzo, Carol Rymer Davis, and balloonist Bill Hughes. Also attending were Albuquerque’s Mayor Tim Keller, former NM Governor Gary Johnson, and members of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta’s Board of Directors.

Mayor Keller tweeted: “Last night was a special night here in Albuquerque celebrating the history of ballooning and reconnecting with Richard Abruzzo and Carol Rymer Davis who were so important to our ballooning community at the premier of WIND RIDERS.”

Nancy Abruzzo, Richard’s widow, said, “It was exciting to see so many people from our community turn out for this film. It was a moving evening to share with family and friends!”

Executive Producer Michael Rosen: “It was a great night. We loved seeing so many people touched by this movie about Richard, Carol and Bil. Our next step is to secure distribution so that others can share this filmgoing experience.”

Emi Katayama, the film’s Director, said, “It was wonderful to premiere the film in the community that meant so much to Richard and Carol. There is so much love and generous energy here. These balloonists inspired me during my creative process, and it gave me great joy to share the film with them.”

“As filmmakers, we were moved by the emotions that flowed around us. We were thrilled that the audience loved the film so much – this is why we’re filmmakers,” said Ramin Fathie, Executive Producer.

“**Wind Riders**” shows the beauty of ballooning as well as the magnificence of the human spirit by telling the poignant and inspiring stories of three American balloonists who dedicate their lives to their sport. **Richard Abruzzo** and **Carol Rymer Davis** are two of the most renowned gas-balloon pilots in the world. And **Bill Hughes** is a masterful solo hot-air balloon pilot whose quiet passion encompasses decades of balloon festivals and thousands of ballooning students.

“**Wind Riders**” received the Audience Best Documentary at the Manhattan Film Festival, Best Inspirational Film at the New York Film Awards, Best Indie Filmmaker at Festigious International Film Festival, Best Inspirational Film at the Los Angeles Film Awards, and the Women Filmmakers Award at the Accolade Global Film Competition.

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