



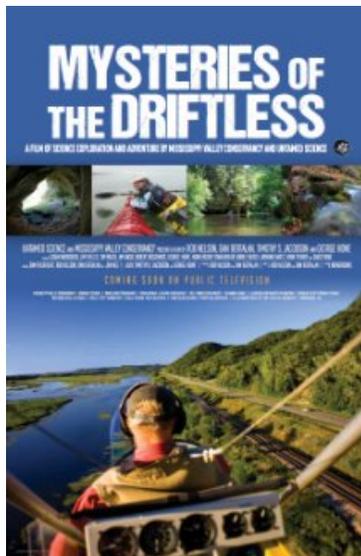
## Film about Driftless region gets Emmy nomination

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CHICAGO, IL. – At its Emmy Nomination Party last evening, the Chicago/Midwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences formally nominated the four producers of the documentary film *Mysteries of the Driftless* for an Emmy Award in the category of “Outstanding Achievement for Documentary Programs – Topical.” The four film producers nominated are Rob Nelson, Dan Bertalan, Tim Jacobson and George Howe.

The National Academy, Chicago/Midwest Chapter, announced the nominations at an event hosted by CBS 2 Chicago’s Megan Glaros and Erin Kennedy. The next step is the 2014 Chicago/Midwest Emmy Ceremony on Saturday, November 1, 2014 in Chicago, at which time the award recipients will be revealed.

Tim Jacobson, executive producer of *Mysteries*, said, “I’m thrilled to have our work as documentary filmmakers nominated for such a prestigious award. To advance from being a mere entrant in the competition to an Emmy nominee has been a wonderful surprise.” Jacobson added, “It’s been a long and sometimes difficult journey from when we started planning and fundraising for the film in 2011. But it has been a tremendously rewarding experience, too.”



The documentary film, a joint production of Untamed Science and Mississippi Valley Conservancy, features a team of explorers and scientists as they reveal the majesty and allure of the Driftless Area using a stunning combination of filmmaking and genuine adventure. The film was shot in southwest Wisconsin, northeast Iowa, and southeast Minnesota.

What strange forces spared one isolated region along the Upper Mississippi River from the repeated crushing and scouring effects of massive continental glaciers during the last couple million years? What pre-Ice Age throwbacks survived here in this unique refuge that holds more Native American effigy mounds, petroglyph caves, strange geological features, and rare species than anywhere in the Midwest? A team of science filmmakers explores these questions and more in this captivating adventure documentary about the Driftless Zone.

“I hope that people living in the Upper Midwest are proud to see how the film showcases our stunningly beautiful landscape, amazing natural and archaeological treasures and mysteries surrounding us in the Driftless Region,” Jacobson said.

The film has aired multiple times over the past year on Wisconsin Public Television, and broadcasts are planned this autumn on Twin Cities Public Television. It’s been an official selection at the Julien Dubuque International Film Festival; the Oneota Film Festival in Decorah, Iowa; the Flyway Film Festival in Pepin, Wisconsin; the Driftless Film Festival in Boscobel, Spring Green, Mineral Point and Baraboo, Wisconsin; and the Frozen River Film Festival in Winona, Minnesota. *Mysteries* also has been accepted into the upcoming Twin Cities Film Festival where it will be screened on October 23. DVDs of the film can be purchased from Mississippi Valley Conservancy.

The four filmmakers have expressed their gratitude to the organizations and individuals who have supported and funded the film, including Mississippi Valley Conservancy, Untamed Science, La Crosse Community Foundation, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, Coulee Region Trout Unlimited, The Prairie Enthusiasts, Riverland Conservancy, Wenonah Canoe, Radisson Hotel La Crosse, the D.B. Reinhart Institute for Ethics in Leadership, NewGround, Inc., Visjonær Communications, Dairyland Power Cooperative, American Transmission Company, Ursula Cjepek, Warren Loveland, and John Reinhart. “Without them,” Jacobson said, “there wouldn’t be a Driftless film. We owe it all to them and the experts who donated their time to appear in the film.”