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MARK TWAIN FILM WINS BEST FEATURE

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The locally produced documentary “88 Days in the Mother Lode: Mark Twain finds his voice” recently won the jury award for Best Feature Documentary at the 2016 Las Cruces International Film Festival. This 'n That Films shot the documentary in Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties during the summer of 2014, using the talents of many local actors and the beautiful backdrop of the original Mark Twain locations.

The film’s co-producer Bert Simonis was on hand to accept the award and told the crowd in New Mexico “I want to share this recognition with the cast and crew of “88 Days” who all worked hard to help us tell this untold story...but I’m keeping the award at my house.”

Co-producer John C. Brown told us “We’ve been amazed at the critical and academic acceptance of our film. So much has been written about him, and yet no one has ever before closely explored this pivotal chapter in Samuel Clemens’ evolution to Mark Twain. The truth about his 88 days in the Mother Lode really is more than just a “Mark-Twain-slept-here” story.” Brown was shooting scenes for This 'n That Films’ next documentary, “The Neon Movie” and was unable to attend the festival in Las Cruces.

Since premiering to full houses locally in February 2015, the film enjoyed an east coast premiere at the Mark Twain House and Museum in Hartford, CT. It was screened as part of the 2015 Reno/Tahoe Film Festival and the 2015 American Documentary Film Festival. An edited for television version has played on over 100 PBS stations around the country. The film can be viewed by visiting the company’s website www.thisnthatfilms.net.

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