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Boston Psychiatric Productions Wins Indie Fest Award

(Boston, Mass, 09/15/10) – The film *Boston Psychiatric* has won a prestigious Award of Merit from The Indie Fest. The award was given for J. Brian Turk's sidesplitting comedy, *Boston Psychiatric*, which embraces the universal themes of love and redemption. What more appropriate setting for a comedic drama incorporating these expressions of humanity, Turk wondered, than a psychiatric hospital?

Written, produced and directed by Turk, *Boston Psychiatric* is the story of Dr. Raj, a young, hot-shot psychiatrist turned corporate executive who risks his marriage, fortune and sanity when he accepts tainted start-up money to bring his new psychiatric drug to market. His world falls apart, however, when he is arrested and convicted of fraud. After serving a year in prison, Dr. Raj is offered early parole in exchange for working at a free psychiatric clinic run by the unconventional Dr. Murphy. Can the good doctor deal with the insanity of the patients and staff, or will he end up committing himself?

The 80-minute film stars Raj Jaiswal (as Dr. Raj) of New York, N.Y.; Rich Gustus (as Dr. Murphy) of Needham, Mass.; Harry Gordon of Cambridge, Mass.; Steve Duval of Mansfield, Mass.; Chance Langton of Quincy, Mass.; Marie Gallagher of Malden, Mass.; Paul Moylan of Dorchester, Mass.; Bill Farrell of Holbrook, Mass.; Janet Corner of Jamaica Plain, Mass.; Sarah Blodgett of Chestnut Hill, Mass.; Shawn Doherty of Boston, Mass.; Chrissy Kelleher of Marshfield, Mass.; Jennifer Vaughn of Merrimack, N.H.; Jason Turk of Hobe Sound, Fla.; and Shawn Robbins of San Francisco. J. Brian Turk also appears in the film as the landlord.

Although filming took place in Boston and Seattle, the movie is largely shot on-location in the real-life Codman Square Health Center in Dorchester, Mass. Turk received permission to film in non-patient areas on weekends from Bill Walczak, who founded the Codman Square Health Center and has served as its chief executive officer since 1980. In fact, Walczak is the inspiration behind the character of Dr. Murphy, who struggles to keep Boston Psychiatric open for the benefit of the needy patients it serves.

"I support independent film making, which I believe is critical to the creativity of the film industry, but I also like the concept of this particular film," Walczak said. "I've spent my entire career helping people get access to quality health care they couldn't otherwise afford. So that's why this film, which brings attention to someone donating his time to help others in need, is so close to my heart."

"I'm very pleased to accept this Indie Fest award on behalf of my outstanding cast who worked long hours to make our film possible," Turk said. "The experience was truly

an inspirational one for me to witness. So many talented comedians and actors gave their all to make my dream culminating in *Boston Psychiatric* come true.”

The Indie Fest recognizes film professionals who demonstrate exceptional achievement in craft and creativity, and those who produce standout entertainment or contribute to profound social change. Entries are judged by highly qualified professionals in the film industry. Information about the Indie Fest and a list of recent winners can be found at www.theindiefest.com.

In winning The Indie Fest award, Boston Psychiatric Productions joins the ranks of other high-profile winners of this international respected award. Thomas Baker, Ph.D., who chairs the Indie Fest, said, “The Indie is not an easy award to win. Entries are received from around the world. The Indie helps set the standard for the craft and creativity. The judges were pleased with the exceptionally high quality of entries. The goal of The Indie is to help winners achieve the recognition they deserve.”

For more information about *Boston Psychiatric*, visit www.bostonpsyfilm.com.