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'THE HOUSE THAT ROB BUILT' Top Contender at Big Sky Documentary Film Fest

Profiles Groundbreaking Women's Basketball Coach Robin Selvig of the University of Montana's Lady Griz

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HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Feb. 7, 2020 — He built it, and they came. They came from ranches, reservations and small towns. They came from towns so small they don't even really qualify as towns. They came for their dreams, their ambitions, their futures – and they came for him.

Beginning in 1978, in the wake of Title IX, when the notion of young women competing in college basketball at a high level was barely a blip on anyone's radar, Robin Selvig took on a nascent program at the University of Montana and made it his life's work. For 38 years, ending in the 2015-'16 season, he led the young women of the Lady Griz to 865 victories and only 286 losses.

"In a time when it was rare, Rob gave women a chance to be elite and made them believe it was possible," said Megan Harrington, co-director and producer of THE HOUSE THAT ROB BUILT, and a former Lady Griz. "Then he asked the university and the community to believe in them, too. They accepted the invitation, and it became a family affair, so that, when opponents showed up at Dahlberg Arena in Missoula, Montana, they weren't just playing against the Lady Griz, they were playing against an entire stadium. And young women throughout Montana and beyond were inspired to follow their dreams."

His longtime assistants, all former players, were with him for 32, 24 and 22 years, respectively. During his tenure, the Lady Griz competed against – and beat – some of the top Division I squads in the nation. Now there's an exciting, touching, inspiring documentary that chronicles Selvig's career and profiles many of the young women whose lives were transformed under his leadership.

Family Theater Productions and Windrider Productions have teamed for THE HOUSE THAT ROB BUILT. Harrington's co-director, Jonathan Cipiti, previously teamed with her for Family Theater Productions' groundbreaking 2018 documentary THE DATING PROJECT.

THE HOUSE THAT ROB BUILT makes its festival premiere as part of the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival, taking place Feb. 14-23, 2020, in Missoula, Montana. THE HOUSE THAT ROB BUILT is one of five films up for the Big Sky Award – presented to a film that

artistically honors the character, history, tradition and imagination of the American West – voted on by a select jury composed of filmmakers, film-industry professionals and educators.

THE HOUSE THAT ROB BUILT screens on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. (MT) at The Wilma, a historic landmark theater; and on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m. (MT) at the iconic Hellgate Elks Lodge.

Tickets and passes can now be purchased at bigskyfilmfest.org/festival/tickets.

For more information on the Festival, visit bigskyfilmfest.org/; for information on THE HOUSE THAT ROB BUILT, go to thehousethatrobbuiltmovie.com/

Family Theater Productions creates family and faith-based media that inspires, entertains and informs. Founded in 1947 by Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., and headquartered on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood, Family Theater Productions is an award-winning producer of family media, including films, television, radio and short format video for all the major social platforms. Learn more at www.FamilyTheater.org.

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Sidebar:
Bio
Megan Harrington
Co-director and Producer
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Megan Harrington is a Senior Producer at Family Theater Productions, overseeing the management of production on various films. Previously, she served as producer for PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON and THE DATING PROJECT. Harrington is a graduate of the University of Montana and former Lady Griz.

Bio
Jon Cipiti
Director
PHOTO:
Jonathan Cipiti is a director based out of New York. He has a strong passion for documentary and believes in the transformational power that sharing someone's story can have on the world. His work includes the documentaries THE DATING PROJECT, THE HOUSE THAT ROB BUILT, ABSTRACTION, SILENCE AND BEAUTY and PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON. His life has been changed by sitting and hearing the stories of others, and his goal is to bring others into that space.

THE HOUSE THAT ROB BUILT Photos and Videos:

PHOTO: https://hcfm.canto.com/b/GF0P7
CAPTION: Rob Selvig pictured with Lady Griz alumni at his retirement celebration.

PHOTO: https://hcfm.canto.com/b/QM15M
CAPTION: Director Jon Cipiti and Director of Photography Stephen Caserta filming in Montana.

PHOTO: https://hcfm.canto.com/b/GV5I2
CAPTION: Director Jon Cipiti films in Dahlberg Arena.

PHOTO: https://hcfm.canto.com/b/Q65UH
CAPTION: Lady Griz alumni filmed in Browning, Montana (Blackfeet Reservation).

PHOTO: https://hcfm.canto.com/b/JFA3D
CAPTION: Coach Rob Selvig interviewed for The House That Rob Built documentary.

PHOTO: https://hcfm.canto.com/b/PMANS
CAPTION: Future Lady Griz shoot for The House That Rob Built documentary

Film Trailer
VIDEO: https://hcfm.canto.com/b/QLRK8