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Turtle Island Productions and Bitter Fruit Productions co-production accepted by IFP East for screenings at the September, 2003 IFP Network Showcase

New York: On July 24, 2003, our associated production companies received notification that our feature-length documentary project, *American Lynching: Strange And Bitter Fruit*, has been selected for IFP/New York's eighth annual No Borders International Co-Production Market, taking place in New York City. This prestigious marketplace is limited to 35 participants from around the globe, of which only 13 are documentaries.

No Borders consists of individualized meetings with potential financiers, panels, seminars, and numerous social events. No Borders is a section of the 25th annual IFP Market, running from September 21st to September 26th. Additionally, as a Work-In-Progress in the IFP Market, we will have a 25-minute slot to present a portion of our project and make a "pitch" to the audience.

IFP is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to independent film, providing resources, information, and avenues of communication for the industry. The IFP Market, attended by 2,000, is the only selective film market in the United States that is focused on presenting film works in development exclusively to industry professionals.

Turtle Island Productions owner and filmmaker James M. Fortier has been working with Gode Davis of Bitter Fruit Productions since August of 2002 as co-producer and Director of Photography. *American Lynching: Strange and Bitter Fruit* will be the first ever documentary feature film chronicling the entire history and contemporary story of lynching in America. For more information about the film visit www.americanlynching.com or contact Gode Davis at tunnel@intap.net or Jim Fortier at jfortier@turtle-island.com

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