



TURTLE ISLAND PRODUCTIONS
James M. Fortier • Filmmaker/Director of Photography

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For Immediate Release:

San Francisco filmmaker returns to the Chicago area with another Emmy Award.



You may recall a recent press release announcing the return of filmmaker and DP James Fortier to the Chicago area after living in the San Francisco area for 20 years. Well, Fortier is bringing with him not only more than 15 years of experience and award winning talent, but he also will be bringing with him his third Emmy Award. Fortier received the award at the recent NORCAL Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences award show held May 17th in San Francisco. The NORCAL Chapter of NATAS chose Fortier as Best Director for his work on the documentary “Alcatraz Is Not An Island,” which premiered on PBS last fall and nationwide in Canada on the Aboriginal People’s Television Network in April. Fortier received two previous Emmy Awards for his work as Writer and Associate Producer of the 6-hour PBS documentary series “Wassa Inaabidaa: We Look In All Directions,” presented by WDSE-PBS Eight, Duluth and APTV.

Fortier has relocated his production company, Turtle Island Productions, to the Chicago area and is on three documentary series for the International Channel and PBS, and he has two projects in the development pipeline. In addition, Turtle Island Productions will be working with new clients, both broadcast and corporate, in the Chicago area offering producer/director services and as Director of Photography.

For more information about “Alcatraz Is Not An Island” visit www.pbs.org/alcatrazisnotaniland

For more information about “Wassa Inaabidaa: We Look In All Directions,” visit the companion website produced by Turtle Island Productions at www.ojibwe.org

For more information about Turtle Island Productions and James Fortier, visit www.turtle-island.com

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