



SHINE GLOBAL

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Mission

Shine Global works to end the abuse and exploitation of children worldwide through the production of films and other media that raise awareness, promote action, and inspire change.

The Founders

Since its founding in 2005 as a non-profit film production company, Shine Global has given voice to some of the world's most at-risk children, shared their stories, inspired millions of viewers, and won more than 20 major film awards, including two Emmys, an Academy Award nomination, and Best Director Documentary at Sundance. Its success can be traced to the dedication of its two founders. Executive Director Susan MacLaury, PhD, is a social worker and health education professor with expertise in adolescent psychology. Albie Hecht, Chairman of the Shine Global Board of Directors, is a longtime producer of Oscar-nominated theatrical films and of Emmy Award-winning television series for children.

Projects

WAR/DANCE introduces viewers to three compelling children – Dominic, Rose and Nancy— who live in the war zone of Northern Uganda. Despite their horrific experiences, they compete with joyful abandon in a national music and dance festival.

WAR/DANCE RETURNS, a 15-minute follow up documentary to **WAR/DANCE**. It recounts the filmmakers' 2008 return to Patongo to show the film to all 8,500 residents of the IDP camp for the first time.

THE HARVEST/LA COSECHA, with Executive Producer Eva Longoria, follows 3 of the estimated 400,000 children who labor as migrant farmworkers to help their families survive. This award-winning documentary provides an intimate glimpse into the lives of these children who struggle to dream while working 12 – 14 hours a day, 7 days a week to feed America.

INOCENTE is both the timeless story of the transformative power of art and a timely snapshot of the new face of homelessness in America: children. Told entirely through the words of a 15-year-old girl who has spent the last 9 years homeless, **INOCENTE** proves that despite staggering obstacles a resilient person can follow her dreams.

DANCING IN JAFFA (produced in association) features Palestinian dance instructor, Pierre Dulaine, who created the Dancing Classrooms program upon which the hit documentary "Mad Hot Ballroom" was based. The film follows his journey home to Jaffa, Israel, where he partners Jewish, Muslim and Christian children in a dance competition.

BMX BOYS, currently in production, tells the story of The Peckham BMX Club, a beacon of positivity and hope in a notorious crime-ridden area of South London. Despite training on a quarter-sized track, between two tower blocks in between rival gang turfs, they have hopes to compete in the 2012 Olympics. Shot in 3D to show the fast, full color life of BMXers.

DAUGHTERS FOR SALE (in development) tells the story of three young girls in northern Thailand and the side of trafficking never depicted: the democratic process that enlists parents as the willing participants in their children's sale vs. countervailing efforts to save their childhoods.

Outreach

Shine Global's films are screened in theaters, museums, communities and classrooms around the world, sharing the untold stories of children whose voices would otherwise never have been heard. Shine Global also develops and distributes free accompanying curriculums for teachers in grades 7-12 that expand the educational impact of our films. Shine Global is also creating websites and free on-line games to enrich these educational curricula through the interactive experience of play.

Film is the most powerful communication tool in the world today. Now you can join Shine Global and help create films that touch the hearts and change the lives of millions of children around the world.