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**Fortune House Wins Christopher and Dana Reeve Award
For Best Short Film at 15th Annual Williamstown Film Festival**

BROOKLYN, N.Y. (Nov. 18, 2013) – Brooklyn-based production company Goodface Films is honored to announce that its short film, *Fortune House*, has won the Christopher and Dana Reeve Award for Best Short Film at the 15th Annual Williamstown Film Festival (WFF) in Massachusetts. The film, directed by Film Independent Spirit Award nominee Matthew Bonifacio, stars Michael Aronov, who has a supporting role in “Animal Rescue” (2014) opposite Tom Hardy and James Gandolfini, and Yuki Shibamoto, a popular television actress in Japan.

“*Fortune House* is a very touching and human film that explores the power of connection and the promise of love,” said Mr. Bonifacio, whose feature and short films have premiered at major film festivals such as Sundance, Tribeca, Aspen and Palm Springs. “I am honored and humbled to receive the Christopher and Dana Reeve Award. The Reeves were two extraordinary and inspirational individuals.”

Initiated in 2006, the Christopher and Dana Reeve Award is the only prize that the WFF awards. Named for the two longtime supporters of the Festival, it’s presented to each season’s top short as determined by audience vote. The winner receives an original piece of signed artwork by internationally known artist, WFF Board Member, and Williamstown resident, Stephen Hannock. The 2010 and 2012 Reeve winners, Luke Matheny’s *God of Love* and Shawn Christensen’s *Curfew*, both went on to capture Academy Awards.

Fortune House world premiered at the 2013 Tribeca Film Festival in April, and won the Teen View Jury Award at the Nantucket Film Festival in June. The film was an Official Selection of the Heartland Film Festival in October, and was featured as a Director’s Choice Selection at the Underexposed Film Festival YC in November. Producers of the film include Mr. Bonifacio, Julianna Bonifacio, Amber LaFrance and Bob Linton, who also penned the screenplay.

A feature film adaptation of *Fortune House* is planned for 2014. For more information, please visit www.fortunehousemovie.com.