



**PHOTOS AVAILABLE: The Accolade Bestows Annual Humanitarian Award on Film About Parkinson's Disease**

*Award Goes To Shaken: Journey into the Mind of a Parkinson's Patient*

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LA JOLLA, Calif./EWORLDWIRE/Aug. 14, 2007 --- In recognition of its contribution to fostering understanding about Parkinson's disease, The Accolade's annual humanitarian award goes to *Shaken: Journey into the Mind of a Parkinson's Patient*, produced and directed by Deborah J. Fryer. *Shaken* is a tour de force about the elusive disease that doctors are calling the most common uncommon illness in America.

Parkinson's disease is a brain disorder that results from decreased dopamine production and currently affects 1.5 million people across the country ([www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org)). Symptoms of Parkinson's include difficulty walking, tremors, slowness of movement, rigidity, slurred speech stiff facial expressions, and depression. While there are many therapies, the disease is progressive and there is no cure.

*Shaken* is a moving and insightful 30-minute documentary about Paul Schroder, an electrical engineer whose dreams were short-circuited at age 33 by early onset of Parkinson's disease. After ten years of increasingly debilitating symptoms and devastating side effects from the medication, Paul undergoes a 14-hour operation during which doctors' journey into the lobes of his brain looking for clues about the dopamine loss. The film gracefully navigates the details of science while arousing the viewer's curiosity and compassion. Copies of the DVD can be ordered at: [www.lilafilms.com](http://www.lilafilms.com).

*Shaken* is a powerful voice for raising public understanding about Parkinson's disease. Producer/Director Deborah J. Fryer made the movie with some donations from friends and family, but mostly she financed the documentary using her savings and credit cards. With more than 60 hours of footage shot, including stories of many other Parkinson's patients, Fryer is embarking on a full-length film about Parkinson's disease.

The Accolade grants its annual humanitarian award to the one production it considers to have made the most significant contribution to social change or a humanitarian effort. The Accolade is an international awards competition entering in its fifth year, and is considered a top tier nontraditional, virtual venue for filmmakers, television producers and videographers. It receives and judges entries from all over the world. Recently

Accolades have been awarded to filmmakers, television producers and videographers in the United States, Canada, Mexico, England, Spain, Germany, Ireland, India, Czech Republic, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Puerto Rico, Norway, Chile, Belgium, Japan, New Zealand and Malaysia. The awards go to those professional who produce fresh, standout entertainment and compelling documentaries. It is a showcase for cinematic gems and unique voices.

Information about The Accolade, rules and entry deadlines are at: 'www.theaccolade.net'

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Shaken: Journey into the Mind of a Parkinson's Patient

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