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## **Iowa Filmmaker Receives Mid-America Emmy Award**

Iowa filmmaker Lane Wyrick received a Mid-America Emmy Award for his documentary "The Nazi Drawings". The half-hour documentary has received numerous national awards and critical acclaim in the film festival circuit. Wyrick was given the award at a black tie event held at the Hyatt Regency Grand Ballroom at Union Station, St. Louis on Saturday. The nominees were from seven midwest states in the event hosted by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

"The Nazi Drawings" explores the history and passion behind artist Mauricio Lasansky's powerful graphic series of drawings depicting the horrors of Nazi atrocities. Lasansky's series of 33 lifesize drawings have had a major impact on the artworld with their direct and often gruesome look at the Holocaust. The drawings have been in exhibitions nationwide, and have been featured in numerous publications, including Time Magazine.

Completed over a two year period, the documentary presents a montage of images of the drawings, interviews with Lasansky and others, archival photos, actual film footage from the Holocaust death camps, narration and a haunting original music score by University of Iowa Professor of New Music David Gompper.

"Receiving the Mid-America Emmy Award in the Documentary category is very gratifying as a filmmaker, and will definitely increase the likelihood that more stations around the country will broadcast The Nazi Drawings," Wyrick said.

Wyrick recently created the DVD version of the documentary, with many useful features including the ability to view all of the drawings, and also includes bonus interview footage with Artist Lasansky. More information on The Nazi Drawings documentary is available at [www.NaziDrawings.com](http://www.NaziDrawings.com).

Wyrick is currently in production on a feature length documentary exploring the real life and personality of Iowa legend Bill Sackter, a hero for the disability community who was portrayed by Mickey Rooney in the highly successful made-for-tv movie "Bill" in 1981. Wyrick is working with Academy Award Winning Screenwriter Barry Morrow ("Rain Man") who as a college student became Bill's legal guardian to help Bill escape a lifetime of institutional confinement.

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**Photos of Wyrick with Emmy Award may be download and used for media publication at:  
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