

Saving Soweto nominated for International Television Award

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Saving Soweto, an 8-part documentary series on Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital broadcast worldwide on Al Jazeera English in 2009, has been nominated as a finalist in the 2010 New York Festivals International Television and Film Awards. Film-makers Lisa Henry and Shareen Anderson are thrilled that their work has been selected from thousands of entries from over 30 countries.

Now entering its 53rd year, the New York Festivals® International Television & Film Awards recognize “The World’s Best Work” in news, documentary, information and entertainment programming as well as in music videos, infomercials, promotion spots, openings and ID’s. It is one of the world’s largest international competitions dedicated to both the TV and film industries.

Saving Soweto was directed and produced for Al Jazeera English by Shareen Anderson of Fort Greene Filmworks and Lisa Henry of Left Hand Films and Al Jazeera English will be rebroadcasting the series, beginning April 19th (DStv 406). The series walks in the shoes of various doctors, nurses and staff that work tirelessly, and with little reward, to save human lives under difficult circumstances. The hospital acts as a microcosm for many of the social problems that South Africa is grappling with today.

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For more information on the film-makers, please visit www.lefthandfilms.co.za and www.fortgreenefilmworks.com.

Henry and Anderson are currently in production on a one-hour documentary on crime in South Africa. The film examines how various communities are tackling one of the biggest issues facing the country today and asks what possible solutions are out there.