

## **Actress Samantha Harris films introduction to the Footpath Pictures' Documentary Short, "What about Maddie?"**

Raleigh, DATE 11/14/14 - Actress Samantha Harris has filmed an introduction to the Footpath Pictures' documentary short, WHAT ABOUT MADDIE? it was announced today. Harris is the former host of "Dancing with the Stars" and frequent correspondent with E! Entertainment Television.

WHAT ABOUT MADDIE? traces the journey of a young woman trying to escape the hereditary breast cancer that killed her mother. Facing a double mastectomy and the fear of passing the disease to her own daughter, questions arise as she discovers an astonishing truth.

This past winter, Harris was diagnosed with cancer after finding a lump in her right breast. After considering all the options, she chose to have a double mastectomy in May followed by reconstruction. She announced last month that she is officially cancer free.

Filmed in Los Angeles in early October, Harris' two-minute introduction shares her personal story and urges all women with a family history of breast cancer to consider getting tested for the BRCA-1 and BRCA-2 gene mutations.

"We are extremely grateful to Samantha for wanting to be part of WHAT ABOUT MADDIE?, said director, Ray Ellis. "Her participation in the film will help us reach many more at-risk women and bring attention to hereditary breast cancer and the options available."

The film is currently being submitted to U.S. film festivals.

WHAT ABOUT MADDIE? is directed by Ray Ellis; produced by Susan Ellis and Angie Ma; Music by Rod Abernethy; Edited by Ray Ellis.  
[www.whataboutmaddie.com](http://www.whataboutmaddie.com)

### **About Footpath Pictures, Inc.**

Footpath Pictures is a documentary production company dedicated to inspiring social change through film. Their subject matter includes public education, health and human needs, the environment, and peace and reconciliation. Whether capturing sacred places in Guatemala, the endangered Black Rhino in Namibia or the wisdom of a child fighting cancer, Footpath finds stories that have the potential to truly engage audiences and offer hope and vision for a better tomorrow. In addition to raising public awareness, their films have played an integral role in raising millions of dollars for non-profit organizations here and abroad. <http://www.footpathpictures.com>

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