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## Announcing the Canadian Premiere of HEAVEN ADORES YOU, a documentary film about the life and music of Elliott Smith, at the Canadian Music Week Film Festival

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**HEAVEN ADORES YOU**  
by director Nickolas Rossi

**CANADIAN PREMIERE**  
Canadian Music Week  
Film Festival

**SCREENING**  
Saturday, May 10 at 7:00 pm  
at The Royal Cinema, Toronto

CMW Film Fest site: <http://cmw.net>

Heaven Adores You web site: <http://heavenadoresyou.com>

Toronto, ON, April 2nd, 2014 – ***Heaven Adores You***, the directorial debut by Nickolas Rossi, is an intimate, meditative inquiry into the life and music of Elliott Smith (1969 - 2003). By threading the music of Elliott Smith through the dense, yet often isolating landscapes of the three major cities he lived in -- Portland, New York City, Los Angeles -- ***Heaven Adores You*** presents a visual journey and an earnest review of the singer's prolific songwriting and the impact it continues to have on fans, friends, and fellow musicians. Rossi, a NYC-based director and cinematographer who briefly met Elliott Smith in 1998, is presenting his first feature documentary as a Canadian Premiere at the Canadian Music Week Film Festival.

From Rossi's Director's Statement:

***"Heaven Adores You*** came about over many years. I wanted to build on the love that the fans had for Elliott. I wanted to do something that honored his contributions to the music scene, to the global community, and to my own personal journey.

What if we could make something about the *life and music* of Elliott Smith, instead of just focusing on his *death*? What if we could make something where Elliott was able to narrate the journey of his life and have his friends support his incredible story?

***Heaven Adores You*** aims to be just that: A visual, melodic love letter of sorts to a musical genius, in the environments that he knew best: Portland, New York, and Los Angeles. By having Elliott guide us himself, via recorded conversations and interviews, I am hopeful that he can tell his own story once and for all, surrounded by the people who loved him dearly."

Thanks to Producer Kevin Moyer and his personal connection to Elliott (he attended the same high school as Elliott in downtown Portland) and Director Nickolas Rossi's long-time attention and commitment to this project, **Heaven Adores You** was able to earn credibility and respect within Elliott's tight circle of friends and associates. As such, **Heaven Adores You** is the only project on the life and music of Elliott Smith that can boast 30+ onscreen interviews with many of Elliott's closest allies - including former-girlfriend and musical collaborator Joanna Bolme, and official archivist and long-time friend Larry Crane.

HEAVEN ADORES YOU is produced by Jeremiah Gurzi, Kevin Moyer, and Marc Smolowitz (The Power Of Two, The Campaign, Still Around). The film is executive produced by Charles Akin (Misdirected, Firecracker) Wesley Hirni (Barry Goes to the Cabaret, Firecracker), Noah Lang (Sunbelt Express, The Monkey's Paw, Concealed Carriers), and Haroula Rose (Fruitvale Station).

For more information about the film, please visit: <http://heavenadoresyou.com>

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