

**TRIAL BY FIRE: Lives Re-Forged Lands Coveted Spot in DocuWeeks 2012 Showcase**

*Justina Page, with strong ties to Galveston, is featured in Inspirational documentary:  
Scheduled for World Premiere theatrical runs in New York & Los Angeles*

**TRIAL BY FIRE: Lives Re-Forged** has been chosen by the International Documentary Association's (IDA) for the prestigious **DocuWeeks 2012 Showcase**. The film was selected from among a handful of "*outstanding new documentaries from around the world*" for theatrical screenings this summer, which will allow it to qualify for Academy Award consideration.

**TRIAL BY FIRE: Lives Re-Forged**, celebrates the journeys of burn survivors who rise above their injuries to discover unexpected insights and a transformed worldview. The film, which features war veteran and celebrity, **J.R. Martinez** ("All My Children" "Dancing With the Stars") will be shown twice daily at the **IFC Center in New York City (Greenwich Village) Friday, August 3 – Thursday, August 9** and at the **Laemmle NoHo 7 Theater in Los Angeles (North Hollywood) Friday, August 10 – Thursday, August 16**

**Justina Page**, a Houston resident, is also featured in the documentary and will attend the West Coast Premiere of the film in Los Angeles on Friday, August 10. Ms. Page was critically burned in a devastating house fire that destroyed her home, injured every member of her family, and claimed the life of her young son, Amos. Her personal tragedy inspired her to become a burn and home sprinkler advocate and she also launched **The Amos House of Faith**, a non-profit organization that provides support and assistance to burn survivors and their families. "If something happens to me, it's got to have meaning and purpose," says Page, "so my son Amos was not going to die in vain." Ms. Page runs the **After Burns Club** (ABC Club), a support group for child burn survivors and their siblings that operates in both Galveston and Houston and authored her memoir, **The Circle of Fire**.

A mother herself, **Director/Producer Megan Smith-Harris** was profoundly moved by Justina's story. "She lost so much and on so many levels," says Smith-Harris, "Yet Justina overcame her own all-consuming grief and made a commitment to help others both through her foundation and peer support. Her strength, perseverance, and sense of purpose are inspirational."

Smith-Harris, who had never met a burn survivor prior to undertaking the project, was motivated to make the film after seeing a photograph of burn survivors in a magazine. “I experienced a jolt of understanding that gave me instant empathy,” she recalls. “I realized that accidents can happen to anyone at anytime. You think it’s just an ordinary day... until it isn’t.”

The film features other emotionally captivating stories as well – a high school chemistry class explosion derails the life of one of its star students, an oil refinery worker survives a major blast only to face even greater challenges, a distraught mother jumps through a window to save her son engulfed in flames, and a young racecar driver makes a miraculous comeback after being pulled from her fiery wreck. Through extraordinary courage, grit, and determination, all re-forge their destinies by first imagining – and then embracing – new dreams.

In May, a private preview of TRIAL BY FIRE: Lives Re-Forged was held at **Galveston Shriners Hospital For Children** where the film received an enthusiastic reception. **Galveston Fire Chief, Jeff Smith** said, “Every Fire Chief should see this film, every firefighter should see this film – every person should see this film.”

“These are stories that could save your life,” says Smith-Harris. “The film takes you on an emotional journey, one that doesn’t pull any punches but is ultimately, inspirational.”

*When you forge metal with fire, it becomes stronger.*

*It turns out the same is true of the human spirit.*

[TRIAL BY FIRE: Lives Re-Forged](#)

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