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MAN OF GOD FILM TAKES HOME TWO MORE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS



Yelena Popovic’s already internationally acclaimed film Man of God about St. Nektarios of Aegina has taken home two more awards at international film festivals in Italy.

The film made its international debut at the 43rd Moscow International Film Festival in April, where it won the coveted Audience Award. It also took home the Audience Award at the Los Angeles Greek Film Festival in May, and it has been topping the Greek and Cypriot box offices since its release in August.

And now Man of God can also boast the Best International Film Award from the Siena International Film Festival and the Grand Prize in the Spirit of Faith at the Religion Today International Film Festival in Trento, reports the Orthodoxia News Agency.

The jury of the Religion Today Festival explained their choice:

A true story about Nektarios of Aegina fits perfectly with the times in which we live.

It reminds us of real values in a world full of despair and greed. In the film we see an actor transformed on his pilgrimage on the road to eternity. Mickey Rourke's masterful interpretation is convincing and makes the film more convincing without crossing the line of bad taste and clichés.

Hollywood legend Mickey Rourke plays a paralyzed man who was healed in the hospital by St. Nektarios.

Rourke sat down with Popovic last September to talk about his experience working on the film and his faith in God.

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