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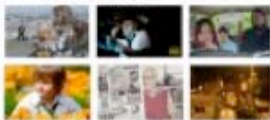
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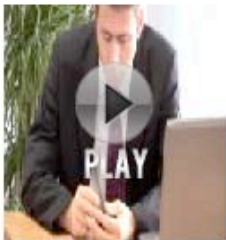
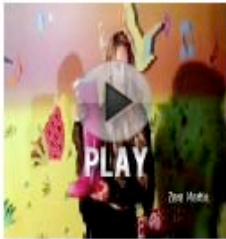


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Tarantino knighted for producing documentary by former Plymouth student

By D+CFilm, on Friday, January 7, 2011



Quentin Tarantino has been knighted by the Hungarian government for producing a documentary by a former student from Plymouth.

Megan Raney-Aarons, who left Plymstock School in 1995, is currently living and working in California, running production company GRAiNEY Pictures with her brother Colin Gray. The brother/sister directing team are known in the biz as The Sibs.





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Megan and Colin, who have both already been knighted in Hungary for the film, joined Quentin at the ceremony in November, as our pictures show. They're the ones on the right in our top picture.



Megan told D+CFilm: "Quentin is truly an original. He's bigger than life – both in his skills as a filmmaker and in-person. Chatting with him is always a treat. He's honest, real, wild and funny with exuberance and enthusiasm.

"He was the first money in for our film, but he's never backed filmmakers on a project like this before, so we're really honoured. He took a risk on us.

"The event was the first time we got to share some of our stories from the shoot. So with lots to catch up on, QT, Colin and I dodged the cameras and slunk to the bar to sling a couple shooters of Hungarian Palenka, and swap tales from set. It was a jaw dropping moment."





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Five years in the making, *Freedom's Fury* follows events leading up to the ill-fated Hungarian Revolution of 1956, featuring political history interwoven with preparations for, and matches during, the water polo competition at the Australian Olympics in the same year.

The film reaches a climax with the famous 'blood in the water' semi-final between Hungary and Russia, which turned into a brawl as Hungary's players did what they could to protest the Soviet Union's invasion of their homeland weeks earlier.

It has earned The Sibs rave reviews ('A stunning, mandatory, must-see film' – Cosmopolitan, 'Truly enthralling' – Elle), and even the Order of the Knight's Cross on behalf of the Hungarian Republic.



To get your hands on the *Freedom's Fury* DVD, head over to [Amazon for a Region 1 copy](#).

Special features include a directors' commentary by Megan and Colin; a 'Making Of' documentary with behind-the-scenes footage; and an interview with the film's other executive producer Lucy Liu.

GRAiNEY Pictures specialises in branded entertainment, 3D, documentaries and scripted features. The guys garnered 21 million visits and nine million viewers for their web series *Clean Break* last summer and are currently prepping *Game Day*, an IMAX 3D film on American College Football. Watch the *Game Day* promo on the [GRAiNEY Pictures](#) website.

