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Catholic Arts Today Video Nominated for Emmy Award

Video Features Musician Sean Beeson’s Story

San Francisco, CA – October 22, 2018 – CatholicArtsToday.com, America’s only online magazine dedicated primarily to the lives and work of living Catholic artists, proudly announces that one of its two social media videos created this year featuring young Catholic artists has been nominated for an Emmy Award.

The CatholicArtsToday.com video was nominated for Category #14: “Outstanding Achievement for Arts/Entertainment Programming.” Both the performer and the producer of the video are honored in this award.

The video, produced in conjunction with the Chicago-based Emmy-award winning firm Spirit Juice, features musician Sean Beeson’s story of his struggles as a young Catholic artist to create beauty, feed his family, and trust in God. To view the video, click here.

“My wife had a lot of faith that things would work out. Laura is my muse. Even in high school I was writing songs for her,” said Beeson. “Starting out it’s very easy to become discouraged. Laura would say ‘Well, just keep working and if you are going to worry then don’t pray, but if you pray, don’t worry.’ Ten years later, I’m still composing professionally, and I’ve worked with clients like Disney, McDonald’s, Taco Bell for their trailers, advertisements, TV shows or anything that needs music.”

Beeson goes on to say he enjoys working on non-Catholic projects, because beauty is a part of who God is but also. “It’s important to never lose who you are. I’m a Catholic. I’m a father. I’m a husband who also happens to write music. When God is at the center of what I do, my art flourishes.”

Since its launch in February 2017, CatholicArtsToday.com has published an extraordinary array of Catholic artists across the disciplines including interviews with Sir James MacMillan, Christopher Beha, Anne Redmon and the first at-length profile of award-winning Bay Area composer Frank La Rocca. The magazine has published essays by Joseph Pearce and composer Mark Nowakowski, poetry by Timothy Murphy, Jennifer Reeser, Fr. Dwight Longenecker, and Matthew Lickonna. Its Facebook page has grown in just six months to over 17,000 likes.

Catholic Arts Today is the center of a new community of artists and art-lovers, inspiring the next generation of Catholic creatives to aspire to new heights of excellence in the arts.

“We’ve had a very powerful response by artists and art-lovers to CatholicArtsToday.com, but an Emmy nomination? That’s just a mind-blowing surprise,” said Maggie Gallagher, editor of CatholicArtsToday.com. “Congratulations to Sean Beeson and the creative team at Spirit Juice and Drew Pearson who produced the video for us.”
About The Benedict XVI Institute For Sacred Music and Divine Worship: The brainchild of Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone (who serves as Chairman of its board), the Benedict XVI Institute’s unique mission is to throw open the door of beauty to bring people closer to God. (www.BenedictInstitute.org)

Sean Beeson and others are available for press interviews.

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