

FIRST DEGREE Film Festivals, Awards & Endorsements

Festival Screenings

Tiburon International Film Festival, Tiburon, CA, *April 2015*, **Golden Reel Award, Best Short**
Worldfest-Houston, Houston, TX, *April 2015*, **Remi Gold Award, Social/Economic Issues**
Pittsburgh Independent Film Festival, Pittsburgh, PA, *June 2015*
Philadelphia International Film Festival, Philadelphia, PA, *June 2015*
Indy Film Fest, Indianapolis, IN, *July 2015*
Harlem International Film Festival, New York, NY, *September 2015*
Wine Country Film Festival, Sonoma, CA *September 2015*
New York City Independent Film Festival, New York, NY, *October 2015*
Ojai Film Festival, Ojai, CA *November 2015*, **Best Documentary Short**
East Lansing Film Festival, East Lansing, MI, *November 2015*
HollyShorts Film Festival Monthly, Los Angeles, CA, *2016*
Sedona International Film Festival, Sedona, AZ, *February 2016*, **Best Documentary Short**
Kansas City FilmFest, Kansas City, MO, *April 2016*

Endorsements

"*First Degree* is a dramatic and emotional powerhouse...exactly what an independent documentary film should be. I know a movie is solid when I begin making a mental list of people I'll call, urging them to see it. My list for *First Degree* is long."

– **David Rothenberg, Founder & first Executive Director, The Fortune Society**

"Through the telling of three inmates' stories, Roger Weisberg's film *First Degree* shows how education can help reform, uplift, and change the lives of America's prisoners. This enlightening film brings much needed awareness to the issues surrounding incarceration, the U.S. justice system, and prison education programs across the country."

– **Tony Marx, President, New York Public Library**

"First Degree vouches for the critical need for high-quality education in this country's prison system, breaking away from moralistic debates on who deserves such services and focusing on the much more impactful question of how education can change lives, strengthen communities, and make our society healthier."

– **Alejandro Van Zandt-Escobar, The Petey Greene Program, NY**