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Pure Martial Arts Fitness Academy Celebrates Contribution to Award-Winning Film at Toronto

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Bridgeport, CT USA – 09/23/2024 – Pure Martial Arts Fitness Academy is thrilled to announce its key contribution to **The Pugilist**, which has won the prestigious **Best International Film Award** at the **Toronto International Nollywood Film Festival**. The martial arts choreography and training influenced by the school played a significant role in bringing the film's dynamic action scenes to life, earning accolades from both critics and audiences worldwide.

Directed by **Christopher Miles** and produced in the U.S.A., **The Pugilist** tells a gripping story of a once prize fighter who is struggling between a new love and having to reenter underground fighting to find redemption, with intense martial arts sequences that form the backbone of the film's action narrative. It includes real fighters like Lyman Good, UFC Bellator Champion; J.J. Soto, current Kickboxing Champion; **Angel Valerio Jr.**, World Combat League (WCL); Kofi Yiadom, Fight Choreographer and the expert guidance of Pure Martial Arts Fitness Academy's **Head Instructor, H. Demetrius Purefoy** and his talented team of students, the realism and precision of martial arts was displayed and added authenticity to the film's fight scenes.

"We are incredibly proud to have been part of such a ground breaking project and able to showcase Bridgeport's talent," said, **Head Instructor, H. Demetrius Purefoy**. "Our goal was to ensure that every fight sequence not only looked spectacular but was rooted in the discipline and tradition of martial arts. To see the film receive this recognition is an honor for both the filmmakers and our school. We look forward to being available and to create more opportunities for our students of Greater Bridgeport to participate in film making."

Pure Martial Arts Fitness Academy, known for its dedication to excellence in martial arts training, worked closely with the film's production team to design fight sequences that blended artistry with high-level combat skills. The collaboration allowed for the performance of a complex fight scene that contributed to the film's critical success.

Jury members at **Toronto International Nollywood Film Festival** praised **The Pugilist** for its compelling narrative and meticulously crafted action scenes of martial arts choreography.

Director **Christopher Miles** expressed gratitude for the school's contribution, stating, "*The martial arts choreography was integral to making the action in the film feel authentic and intense. The team at Pure Martial Arts Fitness Academy brought a level of expertise and passion that elevated the entire production.*"

Pure Martial Arts Fitness Academy has a long history of providing martial arts discipline and training in the Greater Bridgeport Community. The collaboration on **The Pugilist** is yet another testament to the school's expertise and commitment to bringing martial arts to a wider audience.

For more information about **Pure Martial Arts Fitness Academy** and their involvement in the award-winning **The Pugilist**: H. Demetrius Purefoy (203) 368-0773 Ext. 7 or visit www.puremartialarts.com.

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