

# From Dust takes the world by storm

**F**rom Dust, a film made in the UAE, has been nominated for "Best International Documentary Feature" and the "Audience Award" at the film festivals in the US and Canada.

The nomination confirms the UAE's presence within the international film industry.

This is the first film made in the UAE to be nominated for these prestigious awards.

From Dust is directed by UAE-based Indian director Dhruv Dhawan and is edited by Nirmal Chander.

## Natural disaster

Filmed in Sri Lanka, From Dust is a cinematic expose that takes an incisive look at a government's response to a natural disaster.

Shot in the aftermath of the Asian tsunami, this documentary questions why survivors in Sri Lanka are not allowed to rebuild their homes along Sri Lanka's coastline.

"The opportunity to bring this film to the attention of international audiences where tsunami survivors can voice their plight against the forces of bureaucracy and deceit which are prolonging their suf-

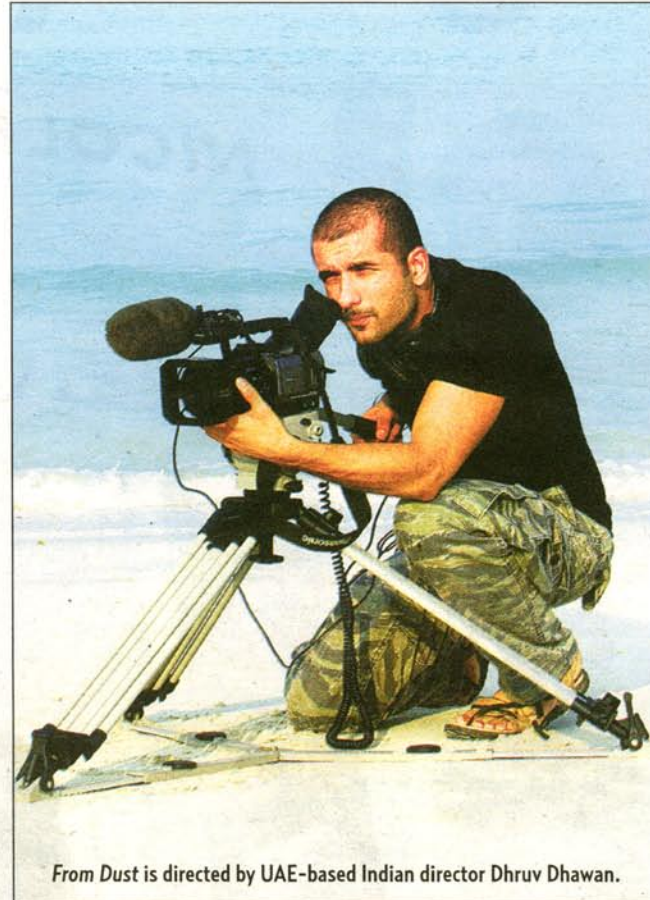
UAE film nominated  
for prestigious  
international awards

fering is extremely important. The fact that this documentary has been nominated for these awards means that people will become aware of what is happening to Sri Lanka's tsunami survivors," says Dhawan.

From Dust will be representing the UAE in the New York-based, Tribeca Film Festival and the Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival, North America's largest documentary festival.

To much of the team's delight, this powerful documentary touched the hearts and gained the admiration of audiences and media alike.

Receiving strong reviews from the international press, From Dust, has set new standards for local production and is airing on Showtime in June.



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