
THE RESPONSE

An Official Selection to a number of Academy Award qualifying film festivals

The Response is a courtroom drama based on the actual transcripts of the Guantanamo Bay military tribunals [officially known as the Combatant Status Review Tribunals]. In the vein of *12 Angry Men*, the film revolves around the trial of a suspected enemy combatant and the three military judges who must decide his fate.



The thirty-minute film features **Aasif Mandvi** (Comedy Central's *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*, *Spiderman 2*), **Kate Mulgrew** (Captain Janeway of *Star Trek: Voyager*, *The Black Donnellys*), and **Peter Riegert** (*Animal House*, *Crossing Delancey*, *The Sopranos*).

Featuring an Emmy Award-winning cinematographer and an Emmy Award-winning sound designer, the movie was written & produced by Sig Libowitz and directed by Adam Rodgers.

The Response was just named the **2009 ABA Silver Gavel Award** winner as **Best of the Year in Drama & Literature**. This is the American Bar Association's highest award. Past award winners include *Judgment at Nuremberg*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and *Law & Order*. The film won the **Audience Award for Best Film** at the Politics on Film festival in Washington, D.C., and has to date been accepted as an **official selection to seven Academy Award qualifying film festivals** (for 2010).

NPR / PRI calls the film: "***a brilliant production***"

The Washington Post writes: "***a tight, tense recreation.***"

Dahlia Lithwick, of *Slate* and *Newsweek*, declares: "***This movie has achieved in 30 minutes what I have attempted to achieve over the last seven years.***"

The movie, for the first time ever - holds a mirror up to the tribunals and allows an audience to see and hear for themselves what takes place on Guantanamo. The film places the audience inside this Kafkaesque tribunal process where they, along with the military judges, must decide the fate of a Middle Eastern detainee. Is he an enemy combatant, guilty of providing material support to Al Qaeda? Or is he an innocent victim of circumstance as he claims?

For more information about the film, including the trailer, clips and photos from the movie, press articles, and bios of the cast & key crew, please visit our website at www.theresponsemovie.com