

Sports Illustrated Names ‘Sonicsgate’ the “Most Persuasive Grassroots Flick” of 2009
Documentary film contends for Best of 2009 lists

December 23, 2009 — SEATTLE, Wash — “Sonicsgate – Requiem For A Team,” the feature documentary film profiling the true story of the Seattle SuperSonics’ tragic exodus from Seattle, has been named the “Most Persuasive Grassroots Flick” in the Dec. 21 issue of *Sports Illustrated*.

Featured on Page 73 in between Spike Lee’s documentary on Kobe Bryant and the new Mike Tyson documentary, “Sonicsgate” received the following praise from *Sports Illustrated*:

“The Most Persuasive Grassroots Flick. The makers of *Sonicsgate*, which examines how Seattle lost its NBA team, felt so strongly about its message (the team’s fans were screwed by a whole lot of people) that they gave the movie away on their website. Don’t be fooled by the price tag: This pitch-perfect documentary shows the collateral damage when a team leaves town.”

The film has received overwhelmingly positive reviews, the majority of which are linked at www.sonicsgate.org/reviews, and director Jason Reid said he hopes this passion project will contend for several Best of 2009 lists and awards.

- “Sonicsgate” is free for anyone to watch online at www.sonicsgate.org. The film’s producers have not attempted to turn a profit with this project, wanting only for the world to see the events that caused the tragic theft of their team in the hopes that it will create momentum for the rebirth of the Sonics in Seattle.
- The feature film finished a weeklong run at Seattle International Film Festival Cinema from Dec. 11 – 17, during which it was the third highest (#3) grossing film in the country among films shown only on one screen.
- The two-hour documentary dissects the modern business of professional sports, nationwide public subsidy of arenas, corporate malfeasance, political impotence and the true helplessness of die-hard fans toiling against these powerful forces.

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