

ABDUCTION The Megumi Yokota Story
WITH ACADEMY AWARD WINNER
JANE CAMPION of "THE PIANO"
SELECTED TO COMPETE AT SLAMDANCE FESTIVAL

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- Ross Kauffman, Academy Award Winner, "Born into Brothels",
Best Documentary Feature 2005

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Washington, DC A film documenting the kidnapping of a 13-year-old Japanese girl by North Korean spies has been selected for the prestigious Slamdance Film Festival. *ABDUCTION The Megumi Yokota Story* was one of only 9 documentary films selected out of 500 submissions to this year's festival. *ABDUCTION* will have its World Premiere at Slamdance on Sunday, January 22, 2006 at 6pm in Park City, Utah and will compete for the festival's top prize. "This is incredibly exciting for us," said Chris Sheridan, Co-Director of *ABDUCTION*. "We've always believed the story of Megumi would resonate with many people outside of Japan. It is a universal, deeply human story about love and loss. Our selection to Slamdance proves that." The film's Executive Producer, Jane Campion, whose film *THE PIANO* won three Academy Awards, said, "I loved the way they [directors] treated the subject. It is beautifully told, mysterious, gripping, and moving."

ABDUCTION follows the family of Megumi Yokota, who disappeared on her way home from school in 1977. For decades, her parents had no idea what had happened to her until the whole world found out the shocking truth. During an historic meeting between Japan and North Korea, the North Koreans admitted their spies kidnapped Megumi and 12 others. But the story doesn't end there. *ABDUCTION* is a moving portrayal of what parents will do for their child as Megumi's family fight every imaginable force to bring her home. Slamdance's program director Sarah Diamond calls *ABDUCTION*, "One of the most haunting and engaging documentaries I've ever seen." This is the first feature-length documentary for the husband/wife directing team of Chris Sheridan and Patty Kim.

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