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WORLD PREMIERE OF “THE ATAXIAN”: DOC FEATURES BIKING ICON KYLE BRYANT’S LEGENDARY RIDE ACROSS AMERICA

— *Feature-length Directorial Debut by Kevin Schlanser and Zack Bennett
Premieres at Dances With Films on Saturday, June 6, 2015* —

LOS ANGELES, CA (May 20, 2015) – Redwood Creek Entertainment is proud to present the World Premiere of “The Ataxian” (www.TheAtaxianMovie.com) a feature-length documentary film debut from filmmakers **Kevin Schlanser** and **Zack Bennett**, featuring biking icon and **Friedreich’s ataxia** (FA) national spokesman **Kyle Bryant**’s legendary trike ride across America in just nine days—Kyle cannot walk due to FA. The film’s World Premiere will take place on Saturday, June 6, 2015, at the **TCL Chinese 6 Theatres** (6801 Hollywood Boulevard) in Hollywood, CA, at 7:15 p.m., as an official selection of **Dances With Films**.

Co-directors **Kevin Schlanser** and **Zack Bennett** say, “Our hope is that anyone in this world that is faced with any sort of challenge or obstacle will watch ‘The Ataxian’ and be inspired by the knowledge that if Kyle Bryant can do what he is doing, anything is possible.”

Life is about how we react. Unable to walk due to the neuromuscular disorder, Friedreich's ataxia, Kyle Bryant and a team of friends attempt the most grueling bicycle race in the world, the **Race Across America** (RAAM).

“The Ataxian” spotlights a man whose will and determination carry him and his teammates across a continent under almost impossible conditions—an act that sparks others to take action in their own lives.

Stunning cinematography exposes raw emotions juxtaposed against inspiring landscapes across America. With purity and grace, the film examines the life of a man aggressively living every moment to the fullest in a race against his own mortality.

Kyle Bryant will next be riding on May, 30th in Davis, California for the **6th Annual ride ATAXIA NorCal Cycling Fundraiser**. (www.rideATAXIA.org/NorCal)

About “The Ataxian”

How would you react to a debilitating and fatal illness? In “**The Ataxian**,” one man shows the world that it is possible to take action and find hope under even the most life threatening and daunting of circumstances. At age 17, **Kyle Bryant** was diagnosed with the relatively unknown progressive neuromuscular disease, **Friedreich’s ataxia (FA)**, for which there is no medication, nor cure. As Kyle lost his ability to play his favorite sports and even walk, he began biking long distances in a specially outfitted “trike.” When he is finally relegated to a wheel chair, Kyle decides that *enough is enough*. He enlists the help of three friends, **Sean**—who also has FA—**John** and **Mike**, and they embark on the “world’s toughest bike race,” **the Race Across America (RAAM)**. In this feature-length documentary, filmmakers and childhood friends, **Kevin Schlanser** and **Zack Bennett**, capture what is a grueling 9-day non-stop journey for anyone—much less someone with an energy-depriving affliction—that starts in Oceanside, CA, ending in Annapolis, MD. What happens along the way inspires hope in the hearts of other families battling FA and nurtures a movement, known as **rideATAXIA**. Set to an incredible soundtrack featuring **Bon Iver, Sigur Ros, Belle Brigade** and others, the audience accompanies Kyle and his relay bike team through magnificent sweeping landscapes and the unbreakable spirit of a life-changing cross-country trip that shows: *life is about how we react*.

About Kyle Bryant

Kyle Bryant is an athlete, keynote speaker and director of rideATAXIA, a bicycle fundraiser for the Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA). rideATAXIA currently has five locations nationwide and has raised over \$3 million for FA research since 2007. Despite his diagnosis of FA at the age of 17, Kyle has completed numerous long distance bike rides including, "The World's Toughest Bike Race," Race Across America (RAAM) in 2010 as part of a 4-person team representing Team FARA. Team FARA's journey is the subject of "The Ataxian," a documentary film hosting its World Premiere on June 6th, at Dances with Films' 2015 annual festival in Los Angeles, CA. For more information on Kyle, please visit www.kyleabryant.com.

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