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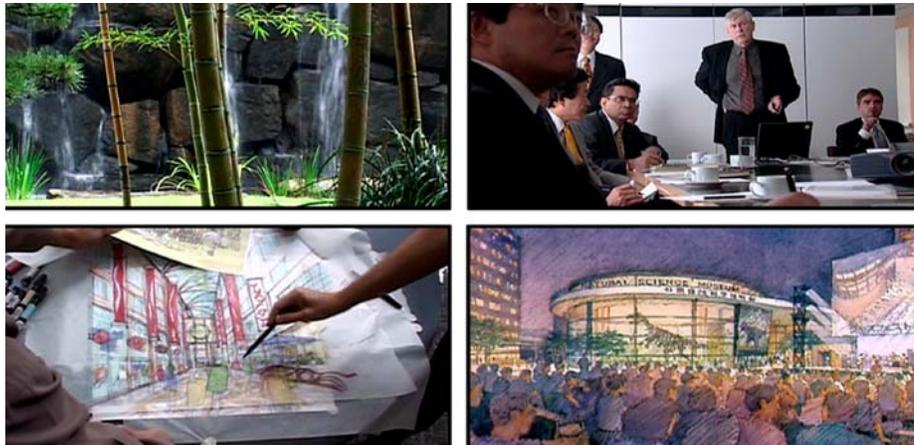
## **VOGT PRODUCTIONS Television Documentary Honored At International Film Festivals**

VOGT PRODUCTION'S documentary *SHAPING A FUTURE* has been awarded the 2003 Intermedia Grand Award as best Public Relations production at the recent World Media Festival in Hamburg, Germany. Having earlier won the Gold Globe Award in the category of City Planning, the film was honored by the Grand Award at the festival's closing ceremonies.

At Worldfest-Houston, the 2003 Houston International Film Festival, *SHAPING A FUTURE* was honored with the Silver Award for Exceptional Achievement in the category of Public Relations film and video production. WorldFest-Houston, now in its 36<sup>th</sup> year, is considered the premier independent film festival in North America.

*SHAPING A FUTURE* was also honored with the 2003 CINE Golden Eagle Award. Established in 1957, CINE is nationally and internationally recognized for its highly acclaimed film and video competitions. Entries are judged on creative and technical merit, through the use of evaluating criteria such as overall excellence, creativity, writing, achievement of the program's purpose and effectiveness in communicating to its intended audience. The CINE Golden Eagle is internationally recognized as a symbol of the highest standards in film and video production.

*SHAPING A FUTURE* explores the efforts of The Hayashibara Group, a diversified and dynamic Japanese corporation, working with their internationally renowned American architectural partner, RTKL Associates Inc., to conceive an ambitious and creative mixed-use redevelopment concept for the heart of Okayama, Japan.



*Production stills from "Shaping a Future"- clockwise, from upper left -Bamboo and waterfall from a public space in Okayama, Japan; RTKL architects present their ideas to executives from the Hayashibara Group; An architectural rendering of an outdoor concert space near the proposed Hayashibara Museum; Architects create rendering of an indoor shopping mall for the plaza.*

Shot on digital wide-screen Betacam on location in Japan, Europe and the United States, the documentary exposes cross-cultural nuances and seldom witnessed details of the intimate collaboration between client and architect. Produced for Japanese television broadcast and select international screenings, the program reveals much about the motives and merits of the Japanese developers, the history and contemporary reality of Okayama, and the creative dynamism of the architects and designers of RTKL.

VOGT PRODUCTIONS is an award-winning film, video and multimedia production company located in Washington, DC. Productions have been distinguished by consistent respect for their human significance and the highest levels of creative and technical achievement. Productions embrace wide subject variety, creative approach and audience profile.

Many productions have been produced in collaboration with international clients with a goal of explaining diverse and complex international issues to an American audience. Two recent notable productions include *EXTRAORDINARY PARTNERS* produced for the Commission of the European Union, and *BEYOND DIVISON: REUNIFYING THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS*, produced for The Republic of Cyprus.

*EXTRAORDINARY PARTNERS* explores the evolution, importance and future relationship between the European Union and the United States. Historical footage, contemporary interviews with leaders and observers as well as contemporary imagery of Europe and the institutions of the European Union clarify what European unification means for the interests of Europe and the United States.

*BEYOND DIVISON: REUNIFYING THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS* reveals through contemporary filming, archival imagery and compelling interviews the story of a small island-nation in the Eastern Mediterranean. Cyprus, as it has for nearly 10,000 years, continues to pursue an impressive destiny despite a tragic handicap: the massive invasion by Turkey in 1974, which resulted in Turkey's occupation of almost a third of the country. *BEYOND DIVISON* chronicles the inspiring story of survival and dramatic progress in the face of adversity. The film received the prestigious Special Gold Jury Award at the 35th Annual Houston International Film Festival.

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