Fogo Island Inn Receives Prestigious 2013 Travel + Leisure Global Vision Award

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Fogo Island Inn in Newfoundland, Canada, has won the Travel + Leisure 2013 Global Vision Award in the category of 'Culture.' The 15 honorees of the publication's various categories exemplify responsible tourism and are trailblazers and a powerful force in promoting sustainability and mindfulness of the earth's precious resources.

The Inn is recognized for its continued support of the local community through the embodiment of Fogo Island's 400 year culture, from locally sourced and foraged ingredients to hand-crafted quilts and furniture built on the Island. Under the leadership of the Shorefast Foundation, one of the main goals of the Inn is to aid the Island's economy and promote sustainable growth. Knowledgeable and hospitable Island ambassadors provide guests with truly memorable Fogo Island experiences through its Community Host Program in which local culture is shared and celebrated – from interpretation of the Island's significant history and practice of cod fishing, to the hand-crafting of the traditional punt, the small wooden boat which was the workhorse of the inshore fishery.

Says Zita Cobb, President of Shorefast Foundation, under which the Fogo Island Inn is operated: "We are especially pleased to be recognized in the culture category. Traditional cultures around the world are being flattened or, at best, are under unprecedented pressure. One of the key goals of our projects and our Inn is find ways to hold on to the important knowledge and way of knowing that has emerged from 400 years of lived experience here at the edge of the continent. And more than just hold on ... but to also find ways to adapt and to be relevant to the contemporary globalized world; as we say, to find new ways with old things."

ABOUT THE AWARDS

Introduced in 2005, the Travel + Leisure Global Vision Awards recognize the

efforts of individuals and organizations working to preserve the world's natural

and man-made treasures. Categories include sustainability, conservation,

community, culture, and leadership. This year, Travel + Leisure editors also chose

a finalist for a Visionary Award. The 2013 list of award winners will appear in the

November issue of the magazine and are available online.

Winners were chosen by an esteemed group of jurors including Bonnie Burnham,

president and CEO of the World Monuments Fund; Alyse Nelson, president and

CEO of Vital Voices Global Partnership; and Paul van Zyl, co-founder and CEO of

the ethical fashion brand Maiyet.

ABOUT THE FOGO ISLAND INN

Fogo Island Inn, an architectural gem located on Fogo Island in Iceberg Alley – at

the very edge of the North American Continent – is a radical newcomer on the

world's travelscape. Tangled up in a place of powerful and elemental beauty, to the

curious and intrepid it is a place that quickens the imagination, extends profound

outport hospitality and gives you back to yourself. www.fogoislandinn.ca

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