



## **TOURA D'OR 2006**

**Category "Informational films and documentaries"**

### **Cape Verde – Islands of Hope**

**Christ Media GmbH**

**(45 minutes, German, 2005)**

The TOURA D'OR 2006 is awarded to the film *Cape Verde – Islands of Hope* produced by Antje Christ of the Christ Media GmbH.

The film provides a good impression of the islands of the Cape Verde archipelago; it features the present living conditions of the people of Cape Verde as well as perspectives for the future. The structural change of the archipelago towards a beach resort destination for international tourists is portrayed in a lively way and illustrated through personal stories. To become surf trainer instead of working in the saline, for an artist to help the rabelados to provide tourist services, or for an internationally renowned singer to push open the gate to the outside world – these are some examples of concrete efforts towards improving economic prospects.

The different islands are described in their historical, cultural, economic and ecological contexts. The viewer is able to get a differentiated impression of the region and to learn about some of the solutions used for remedying the pressing problems – solutions that bring hope that the future might be more secure and stable. On the other hand, critical comments are not omitted.

*Cape Verde – Islands of Hope* succeeds in encouraging travellers to look behind the tourism scenes in order to better understand the realities on the Cape Verde Islands.

A sensuously beautiful film evoking emotions associated with "beach-wind-sun-hope", supplemented with music that makes the viewer experience the rhythm of Cape Verde.