

ALEX GIBNEY, WINNER OF THE 2021 NELLIE BLY AWARD

ALBANY, NY, May 18, 2021 – Academy Award winning documentary film director and producer **Alex Gibney** has been named the 2021 winner of **The Nellie Bly Award for Investigative Reporting** by The Museum of Political Corruption.

Alex Gibney has been called “the most important documentarian of our time” by Esquire Magazine. Gibney’s work often centers on themes of corruption and social justice. In addition to a 2008 Academy Award for *Taxi to the Dark Side*, Gibney has won multiple Emmy Awards, a Grammy Award, the International Documentary Association’s Career Achievement Award, and in 2015, Gibney received the first ever Christopher Hitchens Prize.

“Gibney has been an essential voice in exposing corruption,” offered MPC trustee and Chair of the Award selection committee Karol Kamin. “The Nellie Bly Award honors his powerful and impactful body of work and his mission to bring clarity and awareness to the public.”

Established in 2017 and bestowed annually by the Albany-based Museum of Political Corruption, the Nellie Bly Award recognizes excellence in investigative reporting, particularly in the area of corruption. It is named for the intrepid investigative reporter Nellie Bly (1864-1922). While best known for her 1887 expose on abused mentally ill patients at Blackwell’s Island, the Nellie Bly Award was particularly inspired by her 1888 undercover journey to Albany, where she demonstrated it was possible to “buy” the New York State Legislature (for the sum of \$1,250). The Museum has set the cash prize for the award at \$1,250.

Chartered in 2015 by New York State, the Museum of Political Corruption is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization committed to educating and empowering the public by offering a better understanding of political corruption and encouraging solutions that promote honest governance. More information about the MPC and its Center for Ethical Governance can be found at www.museumofpoliticalcorruption.org.

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