

FLORIDA FILM FESTIVAL'S 2010 AWARDS HONOR AMERICAN INDEPENDENT AND INTERNATIONAL TITLES

Orlando, FL – (April 20, 2010) – Following 10 days, 165 films, and tens of thousands of moviegoers, the 19th Annual Florida Film Festival, sponsored by Full Sail University, came to a close this weekend with a highly anticipated awards reception recognizing the best in American independent and foreign film.

“This year’s award-winners reflect the incredible talent, diversity, and vitality of indie filmmaking from around the world,” said Matthew Curtis, Programming Director. “We have been very fortunate to see filmmakers willing to take risks and audiences who have embraced the unexpected while being wholeheartedly entertained.”

The jury and audience award-winners of the 2010 Florida Film Festival in the American Independent and International Feature Film, Documentary, and Short Film categories, are as follows:

FEATURE FILMS

Grand Jury Award for Best Narrative Feature
WINTER’S BONE, directed by Debra Granik

Special Jury Award for Narrative Filmmaking
HOMEWRECKER, directed by Brad and Todd Barnes

NESTLE® Cranberry RAISINETS® Audience Award for Best Narrative Feature
DON’T LET ME DROWN, directed by Cruz Angeles

NESTLE® Cranberry RAISINETS® Audience Award for Best International Feature
THE TOPP TWINS: UNTOUCHABLE GIRLS, directed by Leanne Pooley

DOCUMENTARIES

Grand Jury Award for Best Documentary Feature
HOW TO FOLD A FLAG, directed by Michael Tucker and Petra Epperlein

Special Jury Award for Documentary Filmmaking
BEST WORST MOVIE, directed by Michael Paul Stephenson

NESTLE® Cranberry RAISINETS® Audience Award for Best Documentary Feature
RACING DREAMS, directed by Marshall Curry

Grand Jury Award for Best Documentary Short
THE POODLE TRAINER, directed by Vance Malone

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SHORT FILMS

Grand Jury Award for Best Narrative Short
TOUCH, directed by Jen McGowan

Grand Jury Award for Best Animated Short
THE COW WHO WANTED TO BE A HAMBURGER, directed by Bill Plympton

Special Jury Award for Outstanding Performance
Jonathan Orsini, CIGARETTE CANDY, directed by Lauren Wolkstein

NESTLE® Cranberry RAISINETS ® Audience Award for Best Short Film
MUSIC BY PRUDENCE, directed by Roger Ross Williams

NESTLE® Cranberry RAISINETS ® Audience Award for Best International Short
RUNAWAY, directed by Cordell Barker

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The Florida Film Festival is a core program of Enzian, a nonprofit organization which exists to entertain, educate, inspire, and connect the community through film. 2010 marks the 19th year of the Festival and Enzian's 25th anniversary. Combined, Enzian and the Florida Film Festival have served more than 1.5 million guests, premiered thousands of films and hosted hundreds of celebrities including Academy Award winners Paul Newman, Oliver Stone, Christopher Walken, and Jon Voight.

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