



AUSTIN FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2009 FILM COMPETITION WINNERS

AUSTIN, Texas – October 24, 2009 – The Austin Film Festival (AFF) is pleased to announce its 2009 Film Competition winners. Each year, the Austin Film Festival holds film competitions in six categories: Narrative Feature, Narrative Short, Narrative Student Short, Documentary Feature and Documentary Short. Winners received cash prizes ranging from \$500 to \$1,000, reimbursements for travel and lodging while at the festival and access to and recognition by some of the most important writers, agents, producers and filmmakers in the industry. All awards were presented to the writers of the winning films on October 24 during the Austin Film Festival Awards Luncheon.

The following winners were selected by category:

Documentary Short Award: *Q&A* - Directors: Mike Rauch, Tim Rauch

Documentary Feature Jury Award: *Grown in Detroit* - Directors: Manfred Poppenk, Mascha Poppenk

Documentary Feature Special Jury Mention: *Downtown Calling* - Director: Shan Nicholson

Animated Short Jury Award: *Lost and Found* - Director: Philip Hunt

Narrative Student Short Jury Award: *Welgunzer* - Writer: Bradford Schmidt

Narrative Student Special Jury Mention: *Adelaide* - Writer: Liliana Greenfield-Sanders

Narrative Short Jury Award: *Nice Shootin' Cowboy* - Writer: Ben Phelps

Narrative Short Special Jury Mention: *The Taxidermist* - Writers: Bert & Bertie; *Washdays* - Writer: Graham Lester George

Narrative Feature Jury Award: *Tobruk* - Writer: Vaclav Marhoul

Narrative Feature Special Jury Recognition for Acting: *Myna Se Va*

Narrative Feature Special Jury Recognition for Independent Filmmaking: *Thor at the Bus Stop*

The Festival is among the select events accredited by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, so all award-winning narrative short and narrative student short films are also eligible for an Academy Award.

To learn more, visit www.austinfilmfestival.com.

ABOUT AUSTIN FILM FESTIVAL

The Austin Film Festival (AFF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to furthering the art, craft and business of writers and filmmakers and recognizing their contributions to film, television and new media. The AFF champions the work of aspiring and established writers and filmmakers by providing unique cultural events and services, enhancing public awareness and participation and encouraging dynamic and long-lasting community partnerships.

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