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BROOKLYN FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES PLOT WINNERS

Brooklyn, NY [June 2011] – The Brooklyn Film Festival (BFF) is proud to announce the winners for its annual festival, themed PLOT presented by Samsung Mobile. The competitive event ran from **June 3** through **June 12** at **indieScreen** in Williamsburg and **Brooklyn Heights Cinema**.

Winners were chosen from over 101 film premieres that were selected from over 2,400 submissions coming from 111 countries. This year, **BFF featured a record number of 36 New York City based film directors with over a dozen projects shot in Brooklyn.**

Through the resources of industry-related sponsors, the Brooklyn Film Festival awarded the 2011 winners with a total of \$50,000 in prizes and film services. Prizes sponsored by Panavision NY, Abel Cinetech, Xeno Lights, Cinecall Soundtracks, Avid, Script Pipeline, Media Services, Raquelle Bianco, and Samsung Mobile.

And the winners are:

GRAND CHAMELEON AWARD

Battle For Brooklyn by Dirs. Suki Hawley & Michael Galinsky

Best Narrative Feature

W. Zappatore by Massimiliano Verdesca

Best Documentary

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Best Narrative Short

Rita by Dirs. Antonio Piazza & Fabio Grassadonia

Best Animation

A Morning Stroll by Dir. Grant Orchard

Best Experimental

Dame Factory Inc. by Dir. Melanie Abramov

Best New Director

Slava Ross for *Siberia Monamour*

Spirit Awards

Feature Narrative - *Amy George* by Dirs. Yonah Lewis & Calvin Thomas

Documentary - *Scraper* by Dir. Stephan Wassmann

Short Narrative - *Gowanus 83* by Dir. Michael Wood

Experimental - *To Be In Me* by Dir. Marina Mello

Animation - *Amar* by Dir. Isabel Herguera

Audience Awards

Feature Narrative - *David* by Dir. Joel Fendelman

Documentary - *Bed Stuy Do Or Die* by Dir. Daniel Bishop

Short Narrative - *Teardrop* by Dir. Damian John Harper

Experimental - *Pose* by Dir. Ivaylo Getov

Animation - *Falling Up* by Dir. Djuna Wahrab

Certificates of Outstanding Achievement

Screenplay - Anna Kerrigan for *Five Days Gone*

Producer - Stefan Schaefer, Diane Crespo, Christoph Silber for *My Last Day Without You*

Cinematography - Magela Crosignani for *Mary Marie*

Editing - Takashi Doscher for *Snow on the Bluff*

Original Score - "Fall On Your Sword" for *Aardvark*

Actor Female - Marielena Logsdon for *Babyland* AND Sandra Milo for *W. Zappatore*

Actor Male - Rasselas Lakew for *The Athlete*.

BFF's primary goal is to connect filmmakers to distribution companies and expose them to the media.

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