

The New Mexico Film Office Announces Winners of the 2012 NM Filmmakers Showcase and Statewide Screenings

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SANTA FE— New Mexico Film Office director Nick Maniatis announced today the winners of the 2012 New Mexico Filmmakers Showcase that took place October 12 – 14, 2012 at the Guild Cinema in Albuquerque, NM. “We congratulate these very talented local filmmakers and look forward to showing their winning films across the state,” said Nick Maniatis. “We invite everyone to attend in viewing their work.” From thirty-seven (37) entries the following winners were announced in nine (9) categories:

Best Comedy: *Lobster* Directed by Jocelyn Jansons

TRT 3 min. A young couple ponder the sentence of their dinner. With guests just minutes away, Bo and Raquel turn to an unusual friend to determine the fate of their captive crustacean.

Best Drama: *20 Ways* Directed by Peter Kershaw

TRT 14 min. An entertaining story on challenges facing the USA today, it uses humor to expose absurdity of twenty ways to spot an illegal immigrant.

Best Horror: *Vanya* Directed by Scott Milder

TRT 29 min. On the eve of a massive nuclear test a Soviet soldier finds himself confronted by a strange supernatural threat.

Best Sci-Fi *Bomb Squad* Directed by Nick Chamberlin

TRT 83 min. A group of siblings discover they have inherited super powers from their imprisoned father.

Best Documentary *Land Water People Time* Directed by David Lindblom

TRT 58 min. A film about loss and preservation in northern New Mexico.

Best Wildcard *Mikailwitl* Directed by Rudy J. Miera

TRT 16 min. A brief glimpse into living MEXICO (Aztec) traditions and culture as embodied by Kalpulli Ehecatl.

Best Music Video *Bitter* Directed by Dusty Deen

TRT 6 min. A music video from the New Mexico band Shilo.

Best Experimental *Miss Yummy Yummy* Directed by Bryan Konefsky

TRT 5 min. This work was shot in the town of Wurzburg while the filmmaker was travelling in Germany. The final film/video was inspired by Bruce Conner’s iconic deconstruction of image and celebrity – Marilyn X 5 (1973).

Best Short *Opal* Directed by Ramona Emerson

TRT 11 min. When Opal Shorty is beat up by the town bully, she and her friend Bunny are forced to take matters into their own hands.

The screenings are free to the public and will take place in the following cities:

GRANTS: Friday November 2, 2012

Time: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Northwest New Mexico Visitor Center

1900 E Santa Fe Ave

Grants, NM 87020

Contact: Leslie DeLong: 505-285-4641 or Rick Best: rick_best@nps.gov

TAOS: Friday, November 9, 2012

Time: 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Taos Center for the Arts

133 Paseo del Pueblo Norte

Taos, New Mexico 87571

Contact: Dancer Dearing: 575-758-2052

LAS CRUCES: November 29, 2012

Time: 4:00pm – 8:00pm

Dona Ana Community College

East Mesa Auditorium

2800 N Sonoma Ranch Blvd

Las Cruces, NM 88003

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ALAMOGORDO –TBA*

SANTA FE – TBA*

*Location dates and times will be updated on www.nmfilm.com.

No RSVP is necessary to attend the screenings. The total running time for the winning films is four (4) hours with a break after two (2) hours.

For more information on the 2012 Showcase or the NM Filmmakers Program events, visit nmfilm.com or call Dirk Norris, Outreach Programs Manager (505) 476-5671.

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