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**35th ANNUAL AMERICAN INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL CLOSES NOVEMBER 13 WITH
AMERICAN INDIAN MOTION PICTURE AWARDS SHOW**

San Francisco, CA - The American Indian Film Institute (AIFI) announces award show winners for the 35th annual American Indian Film Festival. The awards were presented at the American Indian Motion Picture Awards Show on Saturday Nov. 13 at 6:00p.m at the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco.

The American Indian Motion Picture Awards Show, recognizing excellence in USA American Indian and Canada First Nations cinematic achievement, making the annual awards show one of the most prominent Indian Country and Native Cinema showcases.

Outstanding performances varied across the talent venue, on awards night including:
Singer **Andrea Menard**, blues band **The Plateros**, singer **Paula Bowers- Sanchez**, **Yaaw Tei Yi Tlingit Dancers** from Juneau, Alaska, singer **Jeremy Good Feather**, indie singer/songwriter **Samantha Crain**, and violinist **Swil Kanim**.

Best Film- *A Windigo Tale*, Director: Armand Garnet Ruffo, CAN

Best Director – Jeremy Torrie, *A Flesh Offering*, CAN

Best Actor- John Cook, *Of Mice and Men*, CAN

Best Actress – Andrea Menard, *A Windigo Tale*, CAN

Best Supporting Actor- Stanley Wood, *Of Mice and Men*, CAN

Best Supporting Actress – Jani Lauzon, *A Windigo Tale*, CAN

Best Documentary Feature – *A Good Day to Die*, Director: Lynn Salt & David Mueller, USA

Best Documentary Short – *Unconquered: Allan Houser and the Legacy of One Apache Family*, Director: Bryan Beasley, USA

Best Live Short Subject – *The Cave*, Director: Helen Haig-Brown, CAN

Best Animation- *Wapos Bay: The Hardest Lesson*, Director: Trevor Cameron, Canada

Best Music Video – *The Road Forward*, Director: Marie Clements, CAN

Best Public Service – *The Healing Lens*, Director: Michelle Derosier, CAN.

Eagle Spirit Honorees: Buffy Sainte-Marie, Eloise Cobell, and Billy Frank Jr.

Special Achievement awards, the **Eagle Spirit**, were presented to personages that exemplified outstanding character, fortitude, and career accomplishments in music/ media-arts, eco-political/ fishing rights activism and governmental accountability. The 2010 Recipients: **Buffy Sainte-Marie**, Kaua'i Hawaii, **Eloise Cobell**, Browning Montana, and **Billy Frank Jr.** Olympia Washington.

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