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35th ANNUAL AMERICAN INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL® ANNOUNCES
NOMINEES: AMERICAN INDIAN MOTION PICTURE AWARDS

San Francisco, CA - The American Indian Film Institute (AIFI) and Title Sponsor the Seminole Tribe of Florida are proud to announce the nominees for the 35th annual American Indian Film Festival. The awards will be presented at the annual American Indian Motion Picture Awards Show on Saturday Nov. 13 at 6:00p.m at the historic Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco.

The American Indian Motion Picture Awards Show, (established in 1978), has recognized excellence in American Indian cinematic achievement, making the annual awards show one of the most prominent Indian Country and Native Cinema showcases.

Over 100 films have been screened and judged by a jury panel designated by the American Indian Film Institute (AIFI). Fourteen prestigious awards will be recognized to those with outstanding cinematic accomplishments, including: Best Film, Best Director, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Supporting Actor, Best Supporting Actress, Best Documentary Feature, Best Documentary Short, Best Live Action Short, Best Animation, Best Public Service, Best Music Video, and Eagle Spirit Awards.

2010 Awards Nominees and Eagle Spirit Recipients are as follows:

BEST FILM

Of Mice and Men, Kyle Hudlin-Whelan, Director
Two Indians Talking, Sara McIntyre, Director
A Windigo Tale, Armand Garnet Ruffo, Director

BEST DIRECTOR

Kyle Hudlin-Whelan, *Of Mice and Men*
Sara McIntyre, *Two Indians Talking*
Rodrick Pocowatchit, *The Dead Can't Dance*
Jeremy Torrie, *A Flesh Offering*

BEST ACTOR

Nathaniel Arcand, *Two Indians Talking*
John Cook, *Of Mice and Men*
Rodrick Pocowatchit, *The Dead Can't Dance*
Gary Farmer, *A Windigo Tale*

BEST ACTRESS

Andrea Menard, *A Windigo Tale*
Kaniehtio Horn, *A Flesh Offering*

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

Justin Rain, *Two Indians Talking*
Winter Fox Frank, *Behind the Door of a Secret Girl*
Stanley Wood, *Of Mice and Men*

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Jani Lauzon, *A Windigo Tale*
Casey Camp-Horinek, *Behind the Door of a Secret Girl*

BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

A Good Day To Die, Lynn Salt & David Mueller, Directors
Qimmit: A Clash of Two Truths, Ole Gjerstad & Joelle Sanguya, Directors
Hearing Radmilla, Angela Webb, Director
Reel Injun, Neil Diamond, Director

BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT

Unconquered: Allan Houser and the Legacy of One Apache Family, Bryan Beasley, Director
Cry Rock, Banchi Hanuse, Director
The Return of the Goosedance, Abhish S. Birla, Director
Potlatch: To Give, Barbara Cranmer, Director

BEST LIVE SHORT SUBJECT

Liminality, James Lujan, Director
File Under Miscellaneous, Jeff Barnaby, Director
Shimasani, Blackhorse Lowe, Director
The Cave, Helen Haig-Brown, Director

BEST ANIMATION

Lumaajuuq, Alethea Arnaquq-Baril, Director
Qalupalik, Ame Papatsie, Director
Wapos Bay Episode 20: The Hardest Lesson, Trevor Cameron, Director
Legend of Secret Pass, Steve Trenbirth, Director

BEST MUSIC VIDEO

I Ain't Learned Nothing Yet, Laura Milliken, Director
The Road Forward, Marie Clements, Director
Dirty Sexy Kill Kill, Yellow Thunder Woman, Good Eagle Woman, & Robin Davey, Directors
Evergreen, Tony Hrynchuk, Director

BEST PUBLIC SERVICE

Don't Get Sick After June: American Indian Healthcare, Chip Richie, Director
Skeletons in Closets: Blood in Labs, Brian Broadrose, Director
The Healing Lens, Michelle Derosier, Director

EAGLE SPIRIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Buffy Sainte-Marie – *Kauai, HI*
Billy Frank, Jr., – *Olympia, WA*
Elouise P. Cobell – *Browning, MT*