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**THE 32nd ANNUAL AMERICAN INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES ITS
NOMINEES**

San Francisco, CA - The American Indian Film Institute (AIFI) and Title Sponsors; the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians and the Seminole Tribe of Florida are proud to announce the nominees for the 32nd annual American Indian Film Festival. The awards will be presented at the annual American Indian Motion Picture Awards Show on Saturday Nov. 10 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 Animated Short, Best Public Service, Best Music Video, Best Industrial, and Eagle Spirit Awards.

Best Film

Four Sheets to the Wind, Director: Sterlin Harjo, USA
Imprint, Director: Michael Linn, USA
Luna: Spirit of the Whale, Director: Don McBrearty, USA

Best Director

Sterlin Harjo - Four Sheets to the Wind
Michael Linn - Imprint
Don McBrearty - Luna: Spirit of the Whale

Best Actor

Adam Beach - Luna: Spirit of the Whale
Cody Lightning - Four Sheets to the Wind
Michael Spears - Imprint

Best Actress

Tamara Podemski - Four Sheets to the Wind
Tonantzin Carmelo - Imprint
Natasha Johnson - Turquoise Rose

Best Supporting Actor

Ernie Tsosie - Mile Post 398
Gary Farmer - Disappearances
Deshava Apachee - Turquoise Rose

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Best Supporting Actress

Carla-Rae Holland - Imprint
Jeri Arredondo - Four Sheets to the Wind
Tantoo Cardinal - Luna: Spirit of the Whale

Best Documentary Feature

Our Land, Our Life, Director - George and Beth Gage, USA
Water Flowing Together, Director - Gwendolen Cates, USA
Miss Navajo, Director - Billy Luther, USA
Making the River, Director - Sarah Del Seronde, USA

Best Documentary Short

Dream Makers, Director: Susan Cardinal, USA
Smoke From His Fire, Director: Kim Recalma-Clutesi & Aaron Szimanski, Canada
Gene Boy Came Home, Director: Alanis Obomsawin, Canada
Yukon Circles, Director – Karin Williams, USA

Best Live Action Short

The Tenth Day, Director - Dustin Owl Johnson, USA
Seeking Bimaadiziiwin, Director - Dave Clement & Kelly Saxberg, Canada
The Colony, Director - Jeff Barnaby, Canada
I'm Not the Indian You Had In Mind, Director – Thomas King, Canada

Best Animated Short

Raccoon and Crawfish, Director - Dale Rood, USA
Aboriginality, Director - Dominique Keller, Canada
Wapos Bay: A Time to Learn, Director – Dennis Jackson, Canada

Best Music Video

The Enlightned Time, Director - Stephan Galfas & Clint Childers, USA
What Are We Fighting For?, Director – Joanne Shenandoah, USA
Overwhelming, Director - Klee Benally, USA

Best Public Service

Bad Sugar, Director - James Fortier, USA
Hidden Plague, Director - Doug Cuthand, CAN
A Place Between: The Story of An Adoption, Director: Curtis Kaltenbaugh, Canada

Best Industrial

Seminole Tribe of Florida 50th Anniversary, Director, USA
NAPT-3 Decades, Director - Penny Costello, USA
A Defining Moment: Standing for Sovereignty, Director-Dale Kruzic, USA

Advance Tickets available thru AIFI: 415-554-0525 visa & mastercard. On-site tickets available at the following theater venues (on day of show.)

**** November is National American Indian Heritage Month. AIFI welcomes all- audiences, all-colors, to participate at festival screenings, seminars and awards show.**

For complete schedule and tickets please visit www.aifisf.com

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