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## Highlights of the 2010 Cleveland Film Festival

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Attendance of 71,554 (a 7% increase over the 33rd CIFF and more than a 100% increase since 2003)

153 feature films

152 short subjects

84 countries of origin

Over 100 visiting filmmakers and other guests from around the world

151 sponsors and funders

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44 college and university outreach partner campuses

200 college ambassadors

Approximately 5,000 FilmSlam high school student attendees

115 staff members

Over 400 volunteers

\$34,000 Challenge Match raised more than \$52,000

Celebrity sightings: Actress Jennifer Coolidge and Musician Dee Snider



### FEATURE AWARD WINNERS

#### ROXANNE T. MUELLER AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD FOR BEST FILM

(sponsored by Cleveland Magazine)

Louder Than a Bomb

Directed by Jon Siskel and Greg Jacobs (USA)

#### GREG GUND MEMORIAL STANDING UP FILM COMPETITION

(endowed by The George Gund Foundation with a \$5,000 cash prize)

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#### American Independent Award

(with a \$2,500 cash prize)

Harvest

Directed by Marc Meyers (USA)

#### CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN FILM COMPETITION

(sponsored by George Gund and Lara Lee with each winner receiving a \$5,000 cash prize)

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Directed by Valery Todorovsky (Russia)

Honeymoons

Directed by Goran Paskaljevic (Serbia/Albania)

The three jurors this year were: Russ Collins, Peter Knegt, and Harun Mehmedinovic

## NESNADNY + SCHWARTZ DOCUMENTARY FILM COMPETITION

(sponsored by Nesnadny + Schwartz with a \$5,000 cash prize)

Marwencol

Directed by Jeff Malmberg (USA)

The three jurors were: Aron Gaudet, Ryan Harrington, and Debra Zimmerman

## SHORT SUBJECT AWARDS

Cleveland State University Audience Award for Best Short Film

Lights

Directed by Giulio Ricciarelli (Germany)

The Rice Hershey Memorial Award for Originality

(sponsored by Bill Markstrom)

Expiration

Directed by Mark Nickelsburg (USA)

The Clover and Maggie Award: In Celebration of Life

(sponsored by Barbara Hawley and David Goodman)

The Best Part of My Day

Directed by Benjamin Dewhurst (USA)

The Jesse Epstein Humanitarian Award

(sponsored by Kodak Motion Picture Film)

Heal

Directed by Mian Adnan Ahmad (Pakistan/USA)

The Spalding and Jackson Award: In Celebration of Joy

(sponsored by Marcie Goodman and John C. Williams)

Winter Fugue

Directed by Jadrien Steele (USA)

The Best Animated Short Film Award\*

(sponsored by Reminger Co., L.P.A.)

Lost and Found

Directed by Philip Hunt (United Kingdom)

The Best Documentary Short Film Award

(sponsored by Jules and Fran Belkin)

Home

Matt Faust (USA)

The Best Live Action Short Film Award\*

(sponsored by Anne Bloomberg and Alan Gordon Lipson & Judy Harris)

Ana's Playground

Directed by Eric D. Howell (USA)

The Best Student Short Film Award

(sponsored by Mike and Nicki Cancelliere)

Cigarette Candy

Directed by Lauren Wolkstein (USA)

The Best Student Short Film Award - Honorable Mention

We Were Twenty

Directed by Ivan Silvestrini (Italy)

The Kodak Best Ohio Short Film Award

(sponsored by Kodak Motion Picture Film)

The Beauty of Damage

Directed by Thomas Ball (USA)

The Best Women's Short Film Award

(sponsored by Jinny and John Johnson)

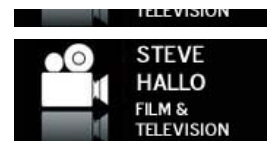
Beast

Directed by Lisa Azzetti (Denmark)



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