Award Winners Announced in 7 Categories Prior To Upcoming Ceremony

Winners for the International Documentary Association’s 2009 IDA Documentary Awards competition were announced today in several major categories, including Limited Series, Continuing Series, Music, and Student, leaving Feature and Short for the night of the program, to be held December 4th at the Directors Guild Theater in Los Angeles.

This year’s Continuing Series Award recognizes the long-running PBS series POV, and the Sundance Channel’s ARCHITECTURE SCHOOL takes the Limited Series Award.

The IDA Music Documentary Award honors Sacha Gervasi’s ANVIL! THE STORY OF ANVIL, which also competes against AFGHAN STAR, DIARY OF A TIMES SQUARE THIEF, FOOD, INC. and MUGABE AND THE WHITE AFRICAN for IDA’s top feature prize. Director Gervasi as well as Anvil’s Steve “Lips” Kudlow and Robb Reiner will be accepting the Music Award.

The IDA/Humanitas Award, a new prize for 2009, goes to Mai Iskander’s GARBAGE DREAMS, and
the IDA/Pare Lorentz Award honors Irene Taylor Brodsky’s Oscar®-nominated short THE FINAL INCH. The IDA/ABCNEWS VideoSource Award, for best use of archival news footage, goes to WOUNDED KNEE, an episode in the “We Shall Remain” series produced by WGBH with Native American Public Television.

IDA continues to recognize the next generation of documentary filmmakers with its prestigious David L. Wolper Student Documentary Achievement Award. This year’s prize has been awarded to Stanford University’s Peter Jordan for his short documentary THE FIRST KID TO LEARN ENGLISH FROM MEXICO.

Presenters for this year’s Awards include composer Philip Glass, The Office’s Rainn Wilson, Food Inc. director Robert Kenner and the Sundance Institute’s Cara Mertes. Current Media’s Laura Ling and Euna Lee will introduce a special tribute to filmmakers and journalists who displayed conspicuous bravery in the pursuit of truth.

Hosted by This American Life’s Ira Glass, this year’s Awards will also honor the work of Errol Morris, Nicolas Noxon, Natalia Almada and Michael Donaldson.

Tickets for the 2009 IDA Documentary Awards are available at: www.documentary.org/awards2009.

2009 IDA DOCUMENTARY AWARDS WINNERS

CONTINUING SERIES – WINNER
POV
Executive Director: Simon Kilmurry
Vice President: Cynthia López
American Documentary, Inc.; PBS
Episodes Submitted:
Inheritance
(Dir./Prod.: James Moll; Prod.: Christopher Pavlick; Exec. Prods.: Chris Malachowsky, Ryan Malachowsky)
Campaign
(Dir./Prod.: Kazuhiro Soda)
Up the Yangtse
(Dir.: Yung Chang; Prods.: Mila Aung-Thwin, Germaine Ying-Gee Wong, John Christou; Exec. Prods.: Daniel Cross, Mila Aung-Thwin, Ravida Din, Sally Bochner)

LIMITED SERIES – WINNER
Architecture School
Director/Executive Producer/Original Concept: Michael Selditch
Original Concept: Stan Bertheaud
Senior Producer: Rob Tate
Producer: Rachel Clift
Executive Producers: Lynne Kirby, Laura Michalchyshyn
Sundance Channel
IDA MUSIC DOCUMENTARY AWARD – WINNER
Anvil! The Story of Anvil
Director: Sacha Gervasi
Producer: Rebecca Yeldham
Little Dean’s Yard; Ahimsa Films; Abramorama; VH1

IDA/HUMANITAS AWARD
Garbage Dreams
Director/Producer/Cinematographer/Writer: Mai Iskander
Executive Producer: Tiffany Schauer
Editor/Co-Producer: Kate Hirson
Iskander Films in co-production with MotiveArt in association with Chicken & Egg Pictures/Films
Transit International

IDA/PARE LORENTZ AWARD - WINNER
The Final Inch
Director/Producer: Irene Taylor Brodsky
Producer: Tom Grant
Vermilion Pictures; Google.org; HBO Documentary Films

IDA/ABCNEWS VIDEOSOURCE AWARD – WINNER
Wounded Knee
Director/Producer: Stanley Nelson
Executive Producers: Sharon Grimberg, Mark Samels
Writer: Marcia Smith
Firelight Media; American Experience; WGBH; Native American Public Television

IDA/DAVID L. WOLPER STUDENT DOCUMENTARY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
The First Kid to Learn English from Mexico
Director/Producer: Peter Jordan
Localfilms; Stanford University

Hosted by Ira Glass
Career Achievement Errol Morris
Pioneer Award
Nicolas Noxon

Amicus Award
Michael Donaldson

Jacqueline Donnet Award
Natalia Almada

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