

FILM INDEPENDENT'S 2007 SPIRIT AWARDS

BEST FEATURE

(Award given to the producer)

- AMERICAN GUN
Producer: Ted Kroeber
- THE DEAD GIRL
Producers: Tom Rosenberg, Henry Winterstem, Gary Lucchesi, Richard Wright, Eric Karten, Kevin Turen
- HALF NELSON
Producers: Jamie Patricof, Alex Orlovsky, Lynette Howell, Anna Boden, Rosanne Korenberg
- LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE
Producers: Marc Turteltaub, David T. Friendly, Peter Saraf, Albert Berger & Ron Yerxa
- PAN'S LABYRINTH
Producers: Bertha Navarro, Alfonso Cuarón, Frida Torresblanco, Alvaro Augustin, Guillermo Del Toro

BEST DIRECTOR

- ROBERT ALTMAN
A Prairie Home Companion
- JONATHAN DAYTON & VALERIE FARIS
Little Miss Sunshine
- RYAN FLECK
Half Nelson
- KAREN MONCRIEFF
The Dead Girl
- STEVEN SODERBERGH
Bubble

BEST FIRST FEATURE

(Award given to the director and producer)

- DAY NIGHT DAY NIGHT
Director: Julia Loktev
Producers: Julia Loktev, Melanie Judd, Jessica Levin
- MAN PUSH CART
Director: Ramin Bahrani
Producers: Ramin Bahrani, Pradip Ghosh, Bedford T. Bentley III
- THE MOTEL
Director: Michael Kang
Producers: Matthew Greenfield, Miguel Arteta, Gina Kwon, Karin Chien
- SWEET LAND
Director: Ali Selim
Producers: Alan Cumming, James Bigham, Ali Selim
- WRISTCUTTERS: A LOVE STORY
Director: Goran Dukic
Producers: Adam Sherman, Chris Coen, Tatiana Kelly, Mikal P. Lazarev

JOHN CASSAVETES AWARD

(Given to the best feature made for under \$500,000; award given to the writer, director, and producer)

- CHALK
Director: Mike Akel
Producers: Mike Akel, Angela Alvarez, Graham Davidson, Chris Mass
Writers: Chris Mass & Mike Akel
- FOUR EYED MONSTERS
Writer/Director/Producers: Arin Crumley & Susan Buice
- OLD JOY
Director: Kelly Reichardt
Producers: Lars Knudsen, Jay Van Hoy, Anish Savjani, Neil Kopp
Writers: Jon Raymond & Kelly Reichardt
- QUINCEAÑERA
Writers/Directors: Richard Glatzer & Wash Westmoreland
Producer: Anne Clements
- TWELVE AND HOLDING
Director: Michael Cuesta
Producers: Leslie Urdang, Michael Cuesta, Brian Bell, Jenny Schweitzer
Writer: Anthony S. Cipriano

BEST SCREENPLAY

- NEIL BURGER
The Illusionist
- NICOLE HOLOFCENER
Friends with Money
- RON NYSWANER
The Painted Veil
- JASON REITMAN
Thank You For Smoking
- JEFF STANZLER
Sorry, Haters

BEST FIRST SCREENPLAY

- MICHAEL ARNDT
Little Miss Sunshine
- ANNA BODEN & RYAN FLECK
Half Nelson
- GORAN DUKIC
Wristcutters: A Love Story
- DITO MONTIEL
A Guide to Recognizing Your Saints
- GABRIELLE ZEVIN
Conversations with Other Women

BEST FEMALE LEAD

- SHAREEKA EPPS
Half Nelson
- CATHERINE O'HARA
For Your Consideration
- ELIZABETH REASER
Sweet Land
- MICHELLE WILLIAMS
Land of Plenty
- ROBIN WRIGHT PENN
Sorry, Haters

BEST MALE LEAD

- AARON ECKHART
Thank You For Smoking
- RYAN GOSLING
Half Nelson
- EDWARD NORTON
The Painted Veil
- AHMAD RAZVI
Man Push Cart
- FOREST WHITAKER
American Gun

BEST SUPPORTING FEMALE

- MELONIE DIAZ
A Guide to Recognizing Your Saints
- MARCIA GAY HARDEN
American Gun
- MARY BETH HURT
The Dead Girl
- FRANCES MCDORMAND
Friends with Money
- AMBER TAMBLYN
Stephanie Daley

BEST SUPPORTING MALE

- ALAN ARKIN
Little Miss Sunshine
- RAYMOND J. BARRY
Steel City
- DANIEL CRAIG
Infamous
- PAUL DANO
Little Miss Sunshine
- CHANNING TATUM
A Guide to Recognizing Your Saints

BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY

- ARIN CRUMLEY
Four Eyed Monsters
- ANTHONY DOD MANTLE
Brothers of the Head
- GUILLERMO NAVARRO
Pan's Labyrinth
- AARON PLATT
Wild Tigers I Have Known
- MICHAEL SIMMONDS
Man Push Cart

BEST DOCUMENTARY

(Award given to the director)

- A LION IN THE HOUSE
Directors: Steven Bognar & Julia Reichert
- MY COUNTRY, MY COUNTRY
Director: Laura Poitras
- THE ROAD TO GUANTANAMO
Directors: Michael Winterbottom, Mat Whitecross
- THE TRIALS OF DARRYL HUNT
Director: Annie Sundberg & Ricki Stern
- YOU'RE GONNA MISS ME
Director: Keven McAlester

BEST FOREIGN FILM

(Award given to the director)

- 12:08 EAST OF BUCHAREST (Romania)
Director: Corneliu Porumboiu
- THE BLOSSOMING OF MAXIMO OLIVEROS (Philippines)
Director: Auraeus Solito
- CHRONICLE OF AN ESCAPE (Argentina)
Director: Israel Adrián Caetano
- DAYS OF GLORY (France/Morocco/Algeria/Belgium)
Director: Rachid Bouchareb
- THE LIVES OF OTHERS (Germany)
Director: Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck

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FILMMAKER GRANTS

IFC/Acura Someone To Watch Award



The 13th annual IFC/Acura Someone to Watch Award recognizes a talented filmmaker of singular vision who has not yet received appropriate recognition. The award includes a \$50,000 unrestricted grant, funded by IFC and Acura. The Finalists are:

SO YONG KIM Director of *In Between Days*
JULIA LOKTEV Director of *Day Night Day Night*
RICHARD WONG Director of *Colma: The Musical*

SOMEONE TO WATCH AWARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Scott Foundas (Chair), Effie T. Brown, Andrew Bujalski, Helen Gramates, Lisa Kennedy

Axium Truer Than Fiction Award



The 11th annual Axium Truer Than Fiction Award is presented to an emerging director of non-fiction features who has not yet received significant attention. The award includes a \$50,000 unrestricted grant, funded by Axium International. The Finalists are:

ADELE HORNE for *The Tailenders*
ERIC DANIEL METZGAR for *The Chances of the World Changing*
AJ SCHNACK for *Kurt Cobain About A Son*

AXIUM TRUER THAN FICTION AWARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE: John Vanco (Chair), Sam Green, Shola Lynch, Cara Mertes, Chuleenan Svetvilas

Axium Producers Award



The 10th annual Axium Producers Award honors emerging producers who, despite limited resources, demonstrate the creativity, tenacity, and vision required to produce quality, independent films. The award includes a \$50,000 unrestricted grant, funded by Axium International. The Finalists are:

JULIE LYNN Producer of *Nine Lives* and *10 Items or Less*
ALEX ORLOVSKY and JAMIE PATRICOF Producers of *Half Nelson* and *Point & Shoot*
HOWARD GERTLER and TIM PERELL Producers of *Shortbus* and *Pizza*

AXIUM PRODUCERS AWARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Scott Macaulay (chair), Stephanie Allain, Anthony Bregman, Gina Kwon, and Anne Walker-McBay