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**NEWPORT BEACH FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES
2010 AWARD WINNERS
BRIDE FLIGHT Sweeps Jury Awards**

Newport Beach, CA – April 30, 2010 – The Newport Beach Film Festival announced today the winners of the 2010 Festival. The Festival wrapped up its official competition with the screening of *LETTERS TO JULIET* at the Regency Lido Theater (3459 Via Lido) with the post party in the Via Lido Courtyard.

More than 2,000 films were reviewed by the Festival's selection committee. The films selected to run in the Festival were in competition for jury, Festival and audience awards. This year's Festival included over 350 films, representing 47 countries.

"We are extremely pleased with the rich diversity and the high caliber of both domestic and international films that screened over the eight days of the 2010 festival", said Gregg Schwenk, CEO and Co-Founder of the Newport Beach Film Festival.

JURY AWARDS

BEST FEATURE FILM: *BRIDE FLIGHT*
BEST ACTOR: **JOHN BELL** (*SHINE OF RAINBOWS*)
BEST ACTRESS: **KARINA SMULDERS** (*BRIDE FLIGHT*)
BEST DIRECTOR: **BEN SOMBOGAART** (*BRIDE FLIGHT*)
BEST CINEMATOGRAPHER: **PIOTR KUKLA** (*BRIDE FLIGHT*)
BEST SCREENPLAY: **MARIEKA VAN DER POL** (*BRIDE FLIGHT*)
BEST FEATURE DOCUMENTARY FILM: *JEAN MICHEL BASQUIAT: THE RADIANT CHILD* Director:
Tamra Davis
BEST SHORT DOCUMENTARY FILM: *DARK LIGHT* Director: Neil Leifer
BEST SHORT ANIMATED FILM: *RUNAWAY* Director: Cordell Barker
BEST NARRATIVE SHORT FILM: *ANA'S PLAYGROUND* Director: Eric D. Howell

2010 AUDIENCE AWARDS:

Audience Award Winner Feature (US) – ***BELOW THE BELTWAY***

Audience Award Winner Feature (Foreign) – ***STARRING MAJA (Princess)***

Audience Award Winner Documentary – ***BAKER BOYS: INSIDE THE SURGE***

Audience Award Winner Action Sports Feature – ***MOUNT ST. ELIAS***

Audience Award Winner Family Film – ***ELLE: A MODERN CINDERELLA TALE***

Audience Award Winner Short Film – ***WINGS OF SILVER: THE VI COWDEN STORY***

Audience Award Winner Art, Architecture + Design – ***JOURNEYMAN ARCHITECT: THE LIFE AND WORK OF DONALD WEXLER***

2010 NEWPORT BEACH FILM FESTIVAL HONORS:

Outstanding Achievement in Filmmaking – ***THE WILD HUNT***

Outstanding Achievement in Filmmaking – ***WORLD PEACE AND OTHER 4TH GRADE ACHIEVEMENTS***

Outstanding Achievement in Filmmaking – ***SUCK***

Outstanding Achievement in Filmmaking – ***ELEKTRA LUXX***

Outstanding Achievement in Filmmaking – ***BARRY MUNDAY***

Outstanding Achievement in Filmmaking – ***CHRISTINA***

Humanitarian Vision Award – ***BURZYNSKI***

Outstanding Achievement in Documentary – ***CLIMATE REFUGEES 'THE HUMAN FACE OF CLIMATE CHANGE***

Outstanding Achievement in Documentary – ***BOUNCING CATS***

Outstanding Achievement in Documentary – ***PELADA***

Outstanding Achievement in Documentary – ***MY RUN***

Outstanding Achievement in Action Sports Filmmaking – ***ULTIMATE WAVE TAHITI - 3D***

Outstanding Achievement in Action Sports Filmmaking – ***THE WESTSIDERS***

Outstanding Achievement in Art, Architecture + Design – ***CITIZEN ARCHITECT: SAMUEL MOCKBEE AND THE SPIRIT OF THE RURAL STUDIO***

Outstanding Achievement in Short Filmmaking Animation – ***VIVE LA ROSE***

Outstanding Achievement in Short Filmmaking – ***DERAILED***

Outstanding Achievement in Short Filmmaking – ***BARAM & HAMZA***

Outstanding Achievement in Short Filmmaking – ***ONCE UPON A CRIME***

Outstanding Achievement in Short Filmmaking – ***ABUELO***

Orange County Filmmaker Award – ***LIVING IT FOREVER***

Attendance at the 2010 Newport Beach Film Festival, thus far, is estimated more than 51,000 guests, on par with last year's attendance.

The Newport Beach Film Festival is sponsored in part by Absolut Vodka, Fashion Island, Regal Entertainment Group, Newport Lexus, Los Angeles Times, Time Warner Cable, and the City of Newport Beach.

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