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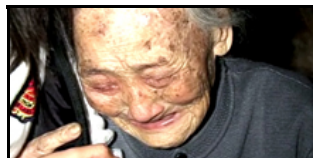
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## Best Shorts Competition Announces Latest Winners

### Best of Show



**Hanzhang Shen**, *Why Am I Still Alive*, short documentary, is a heartbreaking, yet beautiful and poetic work of art, about an elderly woman in rural China who endured neglect and abuse by her son and daughter-in-law. The director, Hanzhang Shen, grew up in Hang Zhou, China, graduated from School of Visual Arts, New York, with a MFA in Social Documentary Film, spent six years making the film. The film was honored with a nomination in the 39th Annual Student Academy Awards. [LINK](#)



**Denise Plumb**, *Past Due*, short film, is a dark comedy in which the protagonist's mundane life is turned upside down by the relentless pursuits of a collection agent. With nothing to lose, the debtor resorts to a collection payment plan she can comfortably afford. The film was written and developed as part of American Film Institute's Directing Workshop for Women. Writer/Director Denise Plumb's film features an original score by Emily Salliers (*Indigo Girls*) and cinematography by award winner Nancy Schreiber, ASC. [LINK](#)

### Awards of Excellence

**94 PROOF**, *The Hi-Life*, webisode/internet programming  
**Berserkers United Productions, LLC**, *The Long Walk Back*, short documentary  
**Cogswell College/ Bonnie Phelps**, *Worlds Apart*, animation  
**Dolma Gunther (Australia)**, *Finding Manjushri*, women filmmakers  
**Double Truth Films**, *Misdirection*, short film  
**Enfuego Entertainment**, *Run*, African American  
**FSU Film School/ Briana Frapart**, *The Girl in the Photo*, sound: overall impact  
**Giannina LaSalvia**, *Hot & Bothered*, public service programming/psa  
**Jessica Kavana Dornbusch**, *Escape*, women filmmakers  
**JFC Produzioni (Switzerland)**, *Sul Mare*, disability issues  
**Maud Ferrari**, *The Chauffeur*, short film  
**Metamorphic Productions LLC**, *Only Child*, experimental  
**Michelle Hirsch**, *Match.born*, women filmmakers  
**Pamela Davis**, *Rusti Escapes*, women filmmakers  
**PCCW Now TV (China)**, *Construction Slavery*, documentary series  
**RomeArca Productions**, *Ghosts and Flowers: The Handel-Halvorsen Passacaglia*, music video  
**Sean Tyler**, *The Devil Girl of Devonshire*, short film  
**Se-ma-for Film Production (Poland)**, *Danny Boy*, animation  
**Shinehouse Productions**, *Any Thoughts?*, filmmaker 17 and younger  
**Tian Guan**, *Servant*, experimental  
**Weston Woods Studios**, *Bink & Gollie*, animation

### Awards of Merit

**Adventist Media Network (Australia)**, *Beyond the Search*, Christian, cinematography, direction and editing  
**Allan Groves**, *Hellespont*, short film  
**Andrea Hall**, *Last Stop*, short film  
**Andrew Wilson**, *Breaking Shy*, short film  
**Arthur Taylor**, *Hide and Seek the Child*, short film  
**ASPD Films**, *Teens Like Phil*, gay/lesbian/transsexual  
**B+B Pictures**, *Chapter XIV: The Duel*, short film  
**Barbie DeSantis**, *Hot Flash and Company*, reality programming  
**BFG International (Bahrain)**, *The Water Genie*, women filmmakers  
**Bill Carr**, *Mele's Kapu*, short film  
**Bipolar Pictures**, *Bu Qtair*, short documentary  
**Bob Pondillo**, *The Miracles on Honey Bee Hill*, gay/lesbian/transsexual  
**Bravado Pictures**, *In Mexico*, short film  
**Brian Gonzalez**, *It Can't Be True*, experimental  
**Brian Graves**, *Save As...*, tube length videos  
**Busted Buggy Entertainment**, *Dating*, webisode/internet programming  
**Cara Picton (United Kingdom)**, *Beginnings*, women filmmakers  
**CDSN Productions**, *Tio Squiggle*, editing  
**Chandradeep Das (India)**, *Disarray*, short film

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**Chia-Chi Lee**, 25, women filmmakers  
**Chinstrap Films LLC**, *Life with Subtitles*, pilot program/series  
**Christopher Rowe**, *Two Men & a Woman*, experimental  
**Craig Nogosek**, *A Cure to War*, short documentary  
**Cullen Films**, *Cherchez La Femme*, short film  
**David Joyce**, *Waiting on a Train*, short film  
**David Reiter Productions**, *American Bill*, pilot program/series  
**David Towner**, *Posers*, pilot program/series  
**Enspire Studio (Indonesia)**, *The Escape*, animation  
**Eriol Pictures (Canada)**, *The Art of Being One*, short film  
**Ethan Downing**, *Adjudication*, gay/lesbian/transsexual  
**Gold Films (United Kingdom)**, *Taken*, short film  
**Gotta/Enk**, *Anniversary Dinner*, women filmmakers  
**Guenther Group**, *A Lesson in Global Warming*, nature/environment and cinematography  
**Head Space Entertainment (Australia)**, *About Face*, short film and humor/humorist  
**Iris Zaki (United Kingdom)**, *My Kosher Shifts*, Jewish  
**Joe Iacovino**, *And if Tomorrow...*, short film  
**Joey Perotti**, *Back Home*, short documentary  
**John Lopez**, *Fortunate Son*, Latin American/Latino/Hispanic  
**Jozef Malocha**, *One on One*, short film  
**Kyra Nicole Rogers**, *The Hipster Paradox*, experimental  
**Lisa Miron Rambaldini (Canada)**, *Candy Apple*, women filmmakers  
**Ludovica Mauri**, *The Wing Man*, disability issues  
**Manny Mahal (Canada)**, *Room 303*, short film  
**Mark Nickelsburg**, *Harry Grows Up*, short film  
**MaxFilm (Australia)**, *Father F\*\*\*\*r*, webisode/internet programming  
**Merci Entertainment**, *The Plan*, gay/lesbian/transsexual  
**Michelle Hirsch**, *Match.born*, cinematography and casting  
**Mirto Ioanna Kassis**, *Sec*, short film  
**Noah DeBonis**, *Do Tell*, short documentary  
**Ooh La La Productions**, *Seriously?!*, webisode/internet programming  
**MOS Media/Industry Films (Canada)**, *Urban Outlaw*, short documentary  
**Paul van Zyl**, *Elegy for a Revolutionary*, short film  
**PCCW Now TV (China)**, *Blood Mine*, documentary series  
**Platinum Image Film (Canada)**, *The Fortune Cookie*, short film  
**Post Josh Productions**, *Exploring the Horizon Schools*, nonprofit/fundraising  
**Preston Randolph**, *The Summer of '81*, short documentary  
**Rabid Pictures (Canada)**, *The Beard*, short film  
**Relic Entertainment**, *The Trials of Zander Peterson*, African American  
**Rick Cormona**, *Motive*, short film  
**Riot Scene! Media**, *Fabulous High*, webisode/internet programming  
**Riz Films**, *Displaced*, short documentary  
**Robert Krakovski**, *Heads Up*, short film  
**Ronnie Cramer**, *Mugs*, experimental  
**Ruán Magan (Ireland)**, *Angel*, short film, cinematography and editing  
**School of Visual Arts (Da Suel Kim & Yun Ah Oh)**, *Karma*, animation  
**Sea Song LLC**, *The Call*, special purpose productions  
**Seung Yeob Lee**, *Goose Family*, Asian American  
**Shanda Renee**, *Fallin*, viewer impact: content/message delivery  
**Sheridan College/ Chrisann Hessing (Canada)**, *An Unmarked Heart*, experimental  
**Six Degrees (Canada)**, *Poor Billy - Chapter One - Billy's Parents*, animation  
**Small But Mighty Productions**, *The Mop and Lucky Files*, pilot program/series  
**Sven Alexander Heinrich (México)**, *Hip Hop International*, music video  
**Tatiana McCabe**, *Restoring Sight in Bangladesh*, disability issues and viewer impact: content/message delivery  
**Toto Pictures**, *Water, Water Everywhere*, children/family programming  
**Toy Gun Films**, *Half Good Killer*, short film  
**Tropical Visions Video**, *Be Your Own Angel*, special purpose productions/live events  
**Tunnel Mill Pictures**, *Farmers in the Field of Sundays*, experimental  
**Université du Québec à Montréal/ Félix Lamarche (Canada)**, *Des hommes à la mer (Men at Sea)*, short documentary  
**University of Southern California/ Roozbeh Dadvand**, *Mossadegh*, short film  
**Victor Oconitrillo**, *Be*, short film  
**Vision Channel Ltd. (India)**, *India Shining*, special purpose film  
**Weston Woods Studios**, *Edwina - The Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct*, animation  
**Whatever Jake Makes Animation**, *Sushi*, animation  
**Wrongly Accused Films**, *Brian Alexander - Lemonade*, music video  
**Yana Alliata di Montereale**, *Requiem for Emily*, short film and direction (Yana Alliata)  
**Yasuda Engineering Company, Ltd. (Japan)**, *Sewer Pipe Construction Using Mud Slurry*, industrial/technical /business  
**Zack Bornstein**, *Dear Hunters*, short film

