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Winners of 5th Annual Louisville International Festival of Films Announced

Louisville, KY – While the 2013 Louisville's International Festival of Film (Liff) is now in the books, the winners in the festival's several categories have new honors to tout.

The festival, which ran from October 10-13, lived up to its expectations and purpose by showcasing the work of independent filmmakers, whose artistic films are usually not presented through commercial venues.

"The films and the audience reaction to them surpassed my wildest expectations," said Conrad Bachmann, co-creator of the event. "Many people worked long hours screening and choosing the best films, and our attendees showed their appreciation. Our many volunteers also contributed to make this our best festival ever."

Award winners for this year's event are highlighted in the following:

- **Feature Film:** "Lake Windfall" – This film is a portrait of interactions between deaf and hearing people. Told with humor and emotion, this film takes an authentic look at three different types of hearing loss experiences. Directed and produced by Roger Vass and written by Tony Nitko.
- **Documentary Short:** "Herd in Iceland" - For over 1,000 years, Icelandic law has made it illegal to import horses onto the island. For that reason, Icelandic horses are a pure breed, isolated by oceanic borders. Directed and produced by Lindsay Blatt and Paul Taggart.
- **On the Edge:** "The Immortal Edward Lumley" - Edward Lumley is a man who, for reasons unknown to him, cannot die. As you follow a comical journey through his life you'll witness him discover the source of his anomalous immortality. Directed, produced and written by William Wall.
- **Animated Short:** "Pinched" - A pickpocket scours the subway at the command of his inner demons, but when fate brings a long-lost love back into his life, he must defy his demon voices and choose a righteous path. Directed and written by David Vandervort; produced by Chris and Shannon Prynosi.
- **Short Film:** "One Bedroom" - Moses and Wendy, former step-siblings, are thrown back into the same living quarters after sixteen years of bitter separation. Directed and written by David Miller and produced by Rebecca Hu.

- **Documentary Feature:** “Antarctica: A Year On Ice” - This feature-length film reveals what it is like to live and work at the bottom of the planet, in Antarctica, for a full year. Directed and produced by Anthony Powell and written by Simon Price.
- **Music Video:** “Brand Neurons” - Sargent Gun teaches young acolyte to gain superpowers. Directed by Annie Quick.
- **Festival Darling:** “The Kid” - Two days in the life of a young poet in Venice, California who deals with situations far beyond his years. Directed and written by Sean Brosnan and produced by Sanja Banic.
- **Audience Favorite:** “The Dirt Bowl: The Tradition, the Journey. “It Lives in Me” - A full-length documentary capturing the rich basketball heritage that the “Dirt Bowl” brings to the Louisville community. Directed by Nathaniel Spencer and produced by Rico Perez, Eric Schumacher, Eddy Coleman and Randy Johnson.

Proceeds from Louisville’s International Festival of Film go to expand educational and economic opportunities in Louisville and around the Commonwealth, including funding to assist film classes at Kentucky public high schools.

Celebrating our 5th year, Louisville’s International Festival of Film (LIFF) is committed to screening artistic films not usually presented through commercial venues, giving independent filmmakers a place to showcase their work. The proceeds of the Festival will be used by the Louisville Film Arts Institute (LFAI) to help fund education efforts focused on training the filmmakers of tomorrow in Metro Louisville and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. For more information, visit Louisvillefilmfestival.org, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Louisville.Film.Festival or us on Twitter @LouFilmFest #LIFF2013.