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**8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DURANGO FILM ANNOUNCES 2013 WINNERS**

**Durango, CO (March 4, 2013)** — The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Durango Film – An Independent Film Festival, which came to a close on Sunday, has announced this year’s award winners. In a field of nearly 100 films, the competition proved formidable. According to Joanie Fraughton, Executive Director for Durango Film, the festival was one of the most well-attended, and the new voting system choices — online accompanying old-fashioned ballot — provided more opportunity and ease in voting participation. In addition to juried awards, audience awards were given in each category. Voting ended on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m. Prior to the start of the festival, the 2013 Independent Spirit Award was presented to Maynes, Bradford, Shipp & Sheftel, for its outstanding community support of the Festival.

**2013 Award Winners: Juried Awards:**

**Juror Award – Best Narrative Feature Film**

The Advocate – directed by Tamas Harangi.

**Juror Commendation – Narrative Feature Film**

Breakfast with Curtis – directed by Laura Colella.

**Juror Award Best Documentary – Feature**

Death By China – directed by Peter Navarro.

**Juror Commendation – Documentary Feature**

Bidder 70 – directed by Beth and George Gage

**Juror Award Best Documentary – Short:**

Hollywood Hair – directed by Juliet Snowden

**Juror Commendation – Documentary Short - TIE:**

Among Giants – directed by Ben Mullinkosson

Full Time Ministry – directed by Helen Hood Scheer

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**Juror Award Best Adventure Sports:**

The Shapeshifter – directed by Skip Armstrong

**Juror Award Best Live Action Short:**

Prora – directed by Stephane Riethauser

**Juror Commendation – Live Action Short:**

Picture.Perfect. – directed by Winston Titus Tao

**Juror Award Best Animated Short:**

Ursus – directed by Reinis Petersons

**Juror Commendation – Animated Short:**

Abiogenesis – directed by Richard Mans

**Juror Award Best Family Film**

Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore – directed by William Joyce and Brandon Oldenburg.

**Juror Commendation – Family Film:**

Extinction of the Saber-Toothed House Cat – directed by Damon Wong

**2013 Award Winners: Audience Awards**

**Audience Award - Best Narrative Feature Film:**

The Advocate – directed by Tamas Harangi

**Audience Award - Best Documentary:**

Dave – directed by Eric Gadelmann

**Audience Award - Best Adventure Sports Film:**

The Man Who Lived on His Bike – directed by Guillaume Blanchet

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**- Audience Award -Best Short:**

Abiogenesis – directed by Richard Mans

**Best Family Film:**

Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore – directed by William Joyce and Brandon Oldenburg.

**School Audience Award - TIE**

Lady B’s First Winter: Puppy to Avalanche Dog – directed by Scott Ransom.

Worlds Apart – directed by Michael Zachary Huber

Durango Film is an independent film festival committed to developing film literacy and to being a welcoming, intimate, and unique film organization that screens global, innovative, and diverse films connecting independent filmmakers, their artistic process, and their vision to the community. For more information, please visit [www.durangofilm.org](http://www.durangofilm.org) or call 970.375.7779.

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