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Winners of SB Film Festival announced

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The 18th annual Stony Brook Film Festival wrapped up July 27 with a Closing Night Reception hosted by John Anderson, film critic and master of ceremonies at an awards presentation held at Staller Center for the Arts, Stony Brook University.

Alan Inkles, founder and director of the festival, greeted European filmmakers Gert Embrechts from Belgium, Ate de Jong from the Netherlands and Georg Maas from Germany as well as American director John Burgess. Georg Maas, director of Closing Night's "Two Lives," attended the screening, which was an East Coast premiere.



From left, Alan Inkles, Gert Embrechts, Ate de Jong, John Burgess, John Anderson and George Maas. Photo from Staller Center for the Arts

And the winners are:

2013 Jury Award-Best Feature

"My Beautiful Country," written and directed by Michaela Kezele. East Coast premiere from Serbia/Croatia/Germany. Edited by Andre Bendocchi-Alves. Director of Photography: Felix Novo De Oliveira. In Serbian with subtitles. From Global Screen GmbH.

2013 Achievement in Directing

John Burgess, "One Small Hitch," written by Dode B. Levenson. Produced by Brett Henenberg and John Burgess. Edited by Ryan Koscielniak. Director of Photography: Tari Segal. A Principle Entertainment Film from Curb Entertainment. The Stony Brook Film Festival congratulates John Burgess on his excellent direction of "One Small Hitch," his first feature film.

2013 Audience Choice-Best Feature

(tie) "Allez, Eddy!," written and directed by Gert Embrechts. East Coast premiere from Belgium. Edited by Els Voorspoels. Director of Photography: Bert Pot. In Dutch and French with subtitles. From Global Screen GmbH.

2013 Audience Choice-Best Feature

(tie)"The Blitz," directed and co-written by Ate de Jong. U.S. premiere from the Netherlands. Screenplay by Ate de Jong and Paul Ruven. Edited by Herman P. Koerts. Director of Photography: Gabor Szabo. In Dutch and German with subtitles. A Fu Works & Talent United Production.

2013 Audience Choice-Best Short

"(My Right Eye) The Apple of My Eye." A film from Spain by Josecho de Linares. New York premiere.

2013 Jury Award-Best Short

"Fallen." A film from Germany by Christoph Schuler. New York premiere.

Career Achievement Award

Christine Vachon, Killer Films

On Friday, July 26, a Career Achievement Award was presented to Christine Vachon of Killer Films, one of the nation's most esteemed and influential independent film producers. Vachon's extraordinary career as a producer includes 70 movies over 20 years.

Presenting sponsors generously supporting the Stony Brook Film Festival are HBO, Suffolk County, Teachers Federal Credit Union, The Village Voice and WALK 97.5 Radio.

As in past years, there was no entry fee to submit a film for consideration in 2013, thanks to the sponsors' support of the festival.

Staller Center for the Arts, Stony Brook University's cultural showplace, is located in the center of campus and has been the home of the Stony Brook Film Festival every summer since its beginnings. Staller Center offers over 200 performances annually in dance, music, art, theatre and film from around the world each season.