



7TH ANNUAL SILVER LAKE FILM FESTIVAL CLOSES WITH SCREENING OF “X: THE UNHEARD MUSIC”

John Doe Honored With 2007 Spirit of Silver Lake Award

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LOS ANGELES – Saturday, May 12th - The 7th Annual Silver Lake Film Festival presented its Closing Night program with a screening of “X: The Unheard Music,” the documentary feature by director Bill Morgan about the seminal Los Angeles punk band. The band’s co-founder and frontman, John Doe, today a respected actor with more than 40 feature films to his credits, was honored with the festival Spirit of Silver Lake Award for expanding the boundaries of independent film and music.

Doe was one of six recipients of the Spirit of Silver Lake Award at this year’s festival. The other honorees were Hal Hartley and Parker Posey, who received their awards in during the Opening Night presentation of the Los Angeles premiere of “Fay Grim”; Keith Morris, founder of the Circle Jerks, who played during the first night of the film festival’s parallel MusicFest; punk Latina Alice Bag, who was honored during a Cinco de Mayo showcase of alt Latino bands, and Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris, co-directors of “Little Miss Sunshine,” who received their awards during a showcase of their music videos.

The Closing Night program included the presentation of the 2007 Silver Lake Film Festival awards. Nine narrative features and nine documentary features competed for prizes with top honors going to “The Death of Michael Smith”, “American Drug War: The Last White Hope”, “Dante’s Inferno”, “The King of Kong” and “Statistics.” Eleven short films were honored as well. A complete list of winners follows:

2007 Silver Lake Film Festival Awards

Best Feature Narrative

“The Death of Michael Smith” – director/screenwriter Daniel Casey

Best Feature Documentary

“American Drug War: The Last White Hope” – director/screenwriter/producer Kevin Booth

Best Director - Narrative Feature

Sean Meredith – “Dante's Inferno”

Best Director - Documentary Feature

Seth Gordon – “The King of Kong”

Best Experimental Feature

“The Anna Cabrini Chronicles” – director/writer/ animator Tawd B. Dorenfeld

Best Performances in a Feature Film

- Joseph Frost – “The Proper Care and Feeding of an American Messiah”
- Kent Harper – “Statistics”
- Nikka Kalashnikova – “Jupiter Love”
- Dustin Olson – “The Proper Care and Feeding of an American Messiah”
- Dominique Swain – “The Pacific and Eddy”

Spirit of Silver Lake Award for Best Local Film

- Narrative Feature: “One Night With You” – director/writer Joe D’Augustine
- Documentary Feature: “Destroy The Rocker” – director/producer Jason Muller

Audience Favorite Award

- Narrative: “Statistics” – director/writer Frank Robak
- Documentary: “Heart of the King” - director Shane Stuart

Best Foreign Film

“Super Amigos” – director Arturo Perez Torres

Festival Directors’ Awards

- “Red Without Blue” – directors/producers Brooke Sebold, Benita Sills, Todd Sills
- “Will The Real Pimps and Hos Please Stand Up!” – co-directors E. Raymond Brown, Sayael Noram
- “Electric Apricot: Quest for Festeroo” – director Les Claypool

Best Short Films

- Advent – director David Woolner
- Black and White Trypps Number Three – director Ben Russell
- Bob & Jack's 52-Year Adventure – director Stu Maddox
- Bobby Bird: The Devil in Denim – director Carson Mell
- Dad – director Daniel Mulloy
- Lampa cu Caciula – director Radu Jude
- Mimsy – director Danny Shorago
- Snare – director Eric Gerber
- Truant – director Michael Duignan
- We're Going To The Zoo – director Joshua Safdie

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Best Experimental Short Films

- The Ratsnitch Angel – director Michael Medaglia
- Strange Fruit - director Austin Young

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