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CWFF08 – What a Show

The Canary Wharf Film Festival knows how to put on a show. Filmmakers and industry professionals alike were impressed by the film programme, the winners and the attention to detail that CWFF is building a reputation for. CWFF hospitality partner Waitrose offered a tasty selection of food and drink to complement the entertainment, while media partner, The Wharf, immortalised the Awards Show with coverage of the night.

This year, CWFF08 received hundreds of submissions; screened over 50 of the best films in 5 different categories, all over 4 days, at 3 different venues, (Cineworld, Museum In Docklands and East Wintergarden). This as well as holding a film workshop for teenagers living in East London, and a photography exhibition at the Window Galleries at Canada Place East Retail Mall.

The Awards Show was the end of an extremely successful second year organised by Olivia Bellas, Festival Director and Phil Dixon, Assistant Director.

Olivia Bellas says: "We're a young festival but with strong ambition. We've had incredible support this year and we're underway with 2009!".

Judging panelists included: Patrick Hazard, (London International Documentary Festival), David Knight (PromoNews) and Layla Lewis (Nickelodeon). CWFF08 winners:

ANIMATION – 'Khoda' Dir. Reza Dolatabadi (www.RezaArt.com),

DOCUMENTARY – 'Illusion Dwellers' Dir. Robb Ellender

MUSIC VIDEO – 'UNKLE – Hold My Hand', Dir. Mark Locke (www.fortmarkfilms.com).

SHORT FILM INTERNATIONAL – 'La Desgracia Llega en Sobres Papel Madera (The Misfortune)', Dir. Andy Feldman (Argentina)

SHORT FILM UK – 'Stolen Youth' Dir. Leon Chambers (www.thirdlightfilms.co.uk)



The winner for the People's Choice Award, voted for by the CWFF 08 audience, was Belgian black comedy

'È Finita La Commedia', directed by Jean-Julien Collette & Olivier Tollet

(www.helicotronc.com).

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Notes to the Editors

The Canary Wharf Film Festival (CWFF) is a not for profit organisation, launched in September 2007. CWFF aims to promote, maintain, improve and advance the exhibition of film and related projects for the benefit of a wide range of communities. CWFF 08 runs between 28 and 31 August, 2008.

CWFF is sponsored by ROK Motion and the Canary Wharf Group, and works in conjunction with partners Moviescope Magazine, Waitrose and The Wharf newspaper. Venues for CWFF08: Cineworld, East Wintergarden and Museum in Docklands.

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