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KINGDOMWOOD ANNOUNCES 2012 FILMMAKER AWARD WINNERS
Kingdomwood Christian Film Festival Hosts 5th Annual Event & Award Ceremony



ATLANTA, October 09, 2012 – Atlanta’s premiere Christian Film Festival attracted local and international attendees to the Crown Plaza Ravinia Perimeter location October 5th – 7th for their fifth annual Kingdomwood Christian Film Festival (KCFF). The festival pinnacled with an awards ceremony in honor of faith-based filmmakers, specifically those awarded for their 2012 film entries.

KCFF spotlights the works of today’s filmmakers who produce movies that promote, educate and inspire faith-based values. KCFF accepts features, documentaries, shorts, gospel music videos and animations. The eligible criteria for submitting are (1) Filmmakers must be 12 years of age or older; (2) Films must have been produced after January 2008; and (3) Competition is open to United States and International filmmakers (with English subtitles).

The 2012 Awards Ceremony held on Sunday, October 7th followed two days of events including the KCFF Master Class taught by Ted Baehr of Movieguide; significant talent and hosts teaching and inspiring up and coming filmmakers, producers, directors and actors on technique, strategy, embracing and learning from the challenges of the film industry and most importantly, how to avoid compromising their values in the demanding and sensational film culture. “KCFF’s 2012 theme is Unity in the Kingdom”, says Founder and CEO Audrey Thomas, “and I could not be more proud and honored with the diverse harmony of positive messages that came forth in this year’s film entries. The filmmakers really captured God’s glory with unique animation, drama, and character depictions we can all relate to.” Even now Ms. Thomas is considering next year’s KCFF,

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“These filmmakers have really demonstrated the best of inspirational faith-based films. Next year we are asking churches to enter their films or step out on faith and produce a film for entry into our sixth annual festival!”

The winners of the 2012 Kingdomwood Christian Film Festival are:

Highest Scorer(s)

Best Animation - **The Five Stone Secret**

Best Documentary Short - **Maria Prean: Life Gets Better & Better**

Best Documentary Feature - **Nefarious: Merchant of Souls**

Best Short Film - **Hero**

Best Feature Film - **New Hope**

Best of Categories

Best Actor - **Jerry Elsinger: Turning Back**

Best Actress - **Natalie Weese: Healed by Grace**

Best Supporting Actor - **Ben Davies: New Hope**

Best Supporting Actress - **Erin Beute: Turning Back**

Best Director - **Benjamin Nolot: Nefarious, Merchant of Souls**

Best Original Music - **John Samuel Hanson: Nefarious, Merchant of Souls**

Best Cinematography - **Matthew Dickey, Steve Willis, Matt Egan and Michael Lienau: Nefarious, Merchant of Souls**

Best Screenplay: **David C. Brunk: Rogue Saints**

In addition, KCFF also awarded Director Parrish Smith for his Documentary, *The Scroll*, along with Bishop Paul Morton, for the “Best Documentary Testimonial” in *The Scroll*. The 2012 KCFF Volunteer Team awarded Founder Audrey Thomas with a Star Award for her five years of faithful service in the film festival industry.

If you are interested in learning more about the Kingdomwood Christian Film Festival and its winners, please visit www.kingdomwood.com

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Founded in 2006, the mission of KCFF is to encourage seasoned filmmakers to produce films with family-friendly spiritual values; motivate and inspire young filmmakers to produce films with high moral standards; and most importantly, showcase films that honor Christ.