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**2007 FANTASTIC FEST JURY AND AUDIENCE AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

Awards were announced last night at the closing ceremony of the 2007 Fantastic Fest in Austin Texas. Taking top honors was Nacho Vigalondo with **CRONOSCRIMINES (TIMECRIMES)**, a world premiere screening. Vigalondo won the "Best Feature" award in the AMD Next Wave Competition and wins a \$3500 editing system from AMD/Dell and a \$1000 cash prize. The Audience Award went to Ernesto Diaz Espinoza's **MIRAGEMAN**, a Chilean martial arts film featuring Marko Zaror. The complete listing of awards is below:

**HORROR SHORTS COMPETITION**

*Competition Films*

CRITICIZED  
DEMONOLOGY OF DESIRE  
IN THE WALL  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY 2 YOU  
MAQUINA  
ANESTHESIA  
THE RUN  
LUMP  
FAR OUT  
THE FIFTH

**Jury Members**

Joe Lynch (Director, WRONG TURN 2)  
Adam Green (Director, SPIRAL)  
Bill Lustig (Founder, Blue Underground)

**Bronze Medal: FAR OUT - Phil Mucci**  
**Silver Medal: THE FIFTH - Ryan Levin**  
**Gold Medal: IN THE WALL -Mike Williamson**

**Special Jury Prize For Best Screenplay: THE FIFTH**



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**Special Jury Prize For Best Actor: Sam Lloyd, THE FIFTH**  
**Special Jury Prize For Best Actress: Bianca Rusu, DEMONOLOGY OF DESIRE**  
**Special Jury Prize For Best Cinematography: HAPPY BIRTHDAY 2 YOU**  
**Special Jury Prize For Best Effects: DEMONOLOGY OF DESIRE**

**ANIMATED SHORTS COMPETITION**

*Competition Films*

APNEE  
THE BIRD, THE MOUSE AND THE SAUSAGE  
EVERYTHING WILL BE OK  
INTRODUCTION TO LUCID DREAM EXPLORATION  
IT CAME FROM THE WEST  
POSTMAN  
SHUTEYE HOTEL  
TALE OF HOW  
X-PRESSION

**Jury Members**

Ryan Schifrin (Director, KING IN THE BOX)  
Jonathan Brands (Funimation)  
Michael Lehrman (indieWIRE)

**Bronze Medal: X-PRESSION - Laurie Thiot**  
**Silver Medal: RAYMOND - BIF Filmmaking collective**  
**Gold Medal: EVERYTHING WILL BE OK - Don Hertzfeldt**

**FANTASTIC SHORTS COMPETITION**

*Competition Films*

ANGE  
BATTLE FOR THE SERPENT STONE  
THE FAERIES OF BLACKHEATH WOODS  
KING IN THE BOX  
MONSTER JOB HUNTER  
SNIFFER  
LES PETITS HOMMES VIEUX  
THE LITTLE GORILLA  
MEBANA  
UN-GONE  
SUIITYMAN  
WAITING FOR YESTERDAY  
DREAMTIME

**Jury Members**

Todd Brown (Twitchfilm)  
Don Hertzfeldt (The Animation Show)  
Travis Stevens (Imagination Films)

**Bronze Medal: SUIITYMAN - Jon Spira**  
**Silver Medal: SNIFFER - Bobbie Peers**  
**Gold Medal: WAITING FOR YESTERDAY - Julien Lecat, Sylvain Pioutaz**

## **FANTASTIC FEATURES COMPETITION**

### *Competition Films*

WICKED FLOWERS  
MAIKO HAAAAN!  
OFFSCREEN  
THE SWORD BEARER  
AACHI & SSIPAK  
A DIRTY CARNIVAL  
NEVER BELONGS TO ME  
WOLFHOUND

### **Jury Members**

Marc Walkow (New York Asian Film Festival)  
Chris Cargill (Ain't It Cool News)  
Tom Quinn (Magnolia Pictures)

**Bronze Medal: AACHI AND SSIPAK - Jo Beom-jin**  
**Silver Medal: NEVER BELONGS TO ME - Ki-woong Nam**  
**Gold Medal: OFFSCREEN - Christoffer Boe**  
**Special Jury Prize For Most Original Scenario: NEVER BELONGS TO ME**

## **HORROR FEATURES COMPETITION**

### *Competition Films*

ALONE  
DEVIL'S CHAIR  
FERRYMAN  
SUMMER SCARS  
EXTE: HAIR EXTENSIONS  
HELL'S GROUND  
LA HORA FRIA  
TAXIDERMIA

### **Jury Members**

Scott Weinberg (Cinematical)  
Harvey Fenton (FAB Press)  
Ian Rattray (UK FrightFest)

**Bronze Medal: DEVIL'S CHAIR Adam Mason**  
**Silver Medal: ALONE Banjong Pisanthanakun, Parkpoom Wongpoom**  
**Gold Medal: EXTE: HAIR EXTENSIONS Sion Sono**  
**Special Jury Prize For Best Director: Banjong Pisanthanakun & Parkpoom Wongpoom for ALONE**  
**Special Jury Prize For Best Actor: Kevin Howarth for SUMMER SCARS**  
**Special Jury Prize For Best Actress: Masha Wattanapanitch for ALONE**  
**Special Jury Prize For Best Gore: HELL'S GROUND**

## **AUDIENCE AWARD COMPETITION**

**Bronze Medal: The Girl Next Door - Gregory Wilson**  
**Silver Medal: Time Crimes Nacho Vigalondo**  
**Gold Medal: Miragemen - Ernesto Díaz Espinoza**

**AMD NEXT WAVE AWARD**  
**(Fantastic Fest Best Picture)**

*Competition Films*

THE ENTRANCE

SPIRAL

FIVE ACROSS THE EYES

MIRAGEMAN

TIMECRIMES

BEAUTIFUL BEAST

END OF THE LINE

JACK KETCHUM'S THE GIRL NEXT DOOR

WRONG TURN 2

**Jury Members**

Charlie Boswell (AMD)

Eric Vespe (Ain't It Cool News)

Anne Goetzmann Kelly (Austin School of Film)

**Bronze Medal: MIRAGEMAN Ernesto Díaz Espinoza**

**Silver Medal: SPIRAL Adam Green**

**Gold Medal: TIMECRIMES Nacho Vigalondo**

**Special Jury Prize For innovative Vision: End of the Line, Maurice Devareaux**

**ABOUT THE FESTIVAL**

Fantastic Fest is an eight-day festival of the best new sci-fi, horror, fantasy and genre films, as well as choice classic and obscure cult titles from all over the world. The festival director is Tim League (Alamo Drafthouse Cinema). Programmers include Harry Knowles (Ain't It Cool News), Kier-la Janisse (Big Smash, Cinemuerte), Matt Dentler (SXSW), Todd Brown (Twitchfilm.net) and Paul Alvarado-Dykstra. Festival co-chairs are Paul Alvarado-Dykstra and Tim McCanlies (screenwriter, Iron Giant). The 2006 festival premiered over 60 features and 30 shorts. Fantastic Fest is co-sponsored by Ain't It Cool News and the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema South Lamar in Austin, Texas. Dates for the 2007 Fantastic Fest are September 20-27, 2007. Additional information can be found at [www.fantasticfest.com](http://www.fantasticfest.com)

**FANTASTIC FEST TESTIMONIALS**

"Considering Fantastic Fest is in its infancy, it has already established a solid reputation on the global festival circuit as a world leader: the ace in the pack of cards. With an awesome list of guests and movies, Fantastic Fest also has the best cinema in the world, period: "The Alamo". Founder Tim League has succeeded a mission impossible with a bruiser of a movie festival with a touch of genuine Texan hospitality. Take my word for it: Fantastic Fest rocks our planet."

- Jay Slater, journalist, **HOT DOG MAGAZINE UK**

"The best film festival I've ever been to, at the best theater in the world. Everyone at Fantastic Fest really cared about the filmmakers, and worked incredibly hard to make every screening memorable. Thanks to everyone for making this first-time short film director feel like a Hollywood superstar." - Phil Mucci, director, **THE LISTENING DEAD**

"I attend a solid handful of film festivals every year -- and Fantastic Fest was (far and away) one of the most entertaining trips I've ever taken. >From fest-head Tim League down to the part-timest festival volunteer, these folks were absolutely sterling. If you have even a passing interest in films best described as horror, sci-fi, fantasy or "plain old weird," I could not recommend Fantastic Fest highly enough. In only its second year of existence, FF looks to be one of North America's premiere genre festivals -- and I can only imagine what the 2007 event will look like." - Scott Weinberg, journalist, **CINEMATICAL**