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# SHORTSHORTS



## FILM FESTIVAL & ASIA 2008

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### **Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia Presented by Committee for Short Shorts/ Committee for Short Shorts Asia Announces 2008 Award Winners!**

#### **The 10th Annual Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia took place June 6<sup>th</sup> – June 14<sup>th</sup> , 2008**

TOKYO, June 15, 2008 – Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia (SSFF&ASIA), presented by the Committee for Short Shorts Film Festival/Committee for Short Shorts Asia, announced today the award winners for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual festival, which was held June 6 – June 14, 2008, in Harajuku, Tokyo.

Approximately 90 out of more than 3000 short films have been selected for the festival, and 12 brilliant short films from all over the world were selected for the awards.

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#### **Awards**

The following awards were given to films submitted in the competitions.

\* Of the awards listed below, all awards except for the "Audience Award" were **selected by jury members: Karim Ainouz (filmmaker), Takao Osawa (actor), Yoko Narahashi (casting director), Maki Horikita (actress) and Amon Miyamoto (stage director)**. Winners in the competitions were awarded accordingly at the Award Ceremony on June 15<sup>th</sup> , 2008.

#### **«Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia 2008»**

**Grand Prix:** 1 winner is selected from the 3 official competitions; International Competition, Asia International Competition, and Japan Competition.

#### **International Competition:**

- «Best Short Award» x 1
- «Audience Award» x 1

#### **Asia International Competition:**

- «Best Short Award/Governor of Tokyo Award» x 1
- «Audience Award» x 1

**Japan Competition:**

«Best Short Award/Governor of Tokyo Award» x 1

«Audience Award» x 1

**STOP! Global Warming Competition:**

«Best Short Award (Ministor's Award, the Ministry of Environment)» x 1

«Audience Award» x 1

**Sponsors' Awards**

«Online Competition: MSN Video Award » x 1

«Dior CHRISTAL Award » x 1

«akasaka Sacas Award» x 1

«J-WAVE Award» x 1

«FC TOKYO Student Jury Award » x 1

**Award Winners**

**Grand Prix**

**"A day in the life of Beijing Hutong"**

<22:30/Drama/Japan/2007>

Dir. Ben Suzuki

Synopsis:

In anticipation of hosting the Olympic games in 2008, Hutongs, the famous ancient city alleys in Beijing are disappearing and thousands of Beijing's residents have been relocated to high rise apartments. Lin Jun, a Chinese herbal doctor finally decides to give up and leave his hometown since his neighbors have moved and his patients are decreasing. As he sets out on his bicycle to sell his inherited medicine cabinet, he witnesses the people who still live in the disappeared town and reconsiders leaving.



**Internaional Competition**

**Best Short Award**

**"A Day's Work"**

<16:00/Thriller/USA/2007>

Dir. Rajeev Dassani

Synopsis:

What was a simple job escalates into a violent misunderstanding in this heart-stopping drama involving an American family and the three immigrant laborers hired to help them move.



**Audience Award**

**"Toyland"**

<13:52/Drama/German/2007>

Dir. Jochen Alexander Freydank

Synopsis:

Germany 1942: In order to protect her son Marianne tries to make him believe that the Jewish neighbours are going on a journey to "Toyland". One morning her son has disappeared - the Jewish nighbours too.



**Asia Internaional Competition**  
**Best Short Award /Governor of Tokyo Award**  
"Color of Paradise"  
<9:58/Drama, Animation/China/2007>  
Dir. Jie Zhu

Synopsis:  
A story between a little girl and her grandpa, a drawing over life and death.



**Audience Award**  
"Close to You"  
<21:30/Drama/South Korea/2007>  
Dir. Ye-in Shin

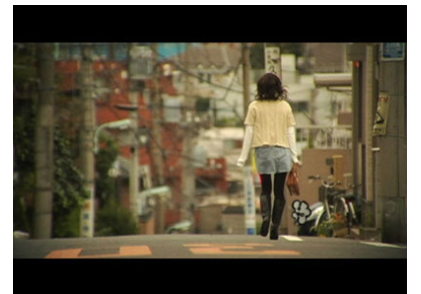
Synopsis:  
A highschool girl is a big fan of a famous movie star. As she thinks about him more and more, her dreams get stronger and stronger...



**Japan Competition**  
**Best Short Award/Governor of Tokyo Award**  
"A day in the life of Beijing Hutong"  
<22:30/Drama/Japan/2007>  
Dir. Ben Suzuki

**Audience Award**  
"Your Sound"  
<12:10/Drama/Japan/2007>  
Dir. Hiroshi Okuda

Synopsis:  
A highschool girl is a big fan of a famous movie star. As she thinks about him more and more, her dreams get stronger and stronger...



**STOP! Global Warming Competition**

**Best Short Award (Ministor's Award, the Ministry of Environment)**  
"Two Icebergs"  
<15:00 /Comedy/Chile>  
Dir. Alvaro Munoz

Synopsis:  
One May 3 in 1993, a terrible water and mud avalanche destroyed the city of Santiago. Two men meet in the midst of this tragedy.



**Audience Award**

**"SAUNA"**

**<2:00/Animation/Japan>**

**Dir. Junya Nishioka**

Synopsis:

A couple of old men are sitting in a steamy sauna, sweat dripping from their faces. A vague figure emerges in the steam, and the real story starts to unfold...



**Sponsors' Awards**

**Online Competition MSN Video Award**

**"HiBi-Chan"**

**<3:28/Animation/Japan/2008>**

**Dir. HiBi Papa**

Synopsis:

"Hi-Bi-Chan" is a fairy whose life is full of enjoyment. One day, when he played his favorite DVD in his apartment, his neighbors seemed to enjoy it as well... This is a short animation film with heart-warming humor!



**Dior CHRISTAL Award**

**"Son of the Avenger"**

**<19:40/Action Advancer/France>**

**Dir. Nathalie Saugeon**

Synopsis:

First Name: Rémi Age: 8 years old Father's profession: Avenger



**FC TOKYO Student Jury Award (International Competition)**

**"Bye, Mama!"**

**<11:00/Drama/Czech Republic>**

**Dir. Ivan Shvedoff**

Synopsis:

A 14-years old boy tries to steal in a supermarket and thus a 54-year lady speaks to him.



**akasaka Sacas Award (STOP! Global Warming Competition)**

**"Râ"**

**<5:00/Sci-Fi/France>**

**Dir. Julien Sibre**

Synopsis:

In 2039. As predicted, global warming has caused severe drought around the world. People find unique ways to get water. Some collect their tears, others filter their urine... But in this new world, nerves are on edge, and everyone is being watched...



**J-WAVE Award (STOP! Global Warming Competition)**

"SAUNA"

<2:00/Animation/Japan>

Dir. Junya Nishioka

**Special Contribution Award**

Jitae Yoo (Korean actor)



**Special Award**

Left: Jason Reitman (filmmaker)

Right: Daniel Dubiecki (producer)



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