

## 2014 WPA Film Festival Winners

The WPA Film Festival this year was under the direction of Carrie M. Margolin; the projectionists were Cannon Bateman, Jordan Calvert, Taylor Coleman, and Levi Hegney, all from The Evergreen State College. As at previous conventions, we asked each person viewing a film to rate its overall quality, using a 5-point scale ranging from 1 (*Very Poor*) through 5 (*Very Good*). A majority (75%) of the films received *Good* (4) to *Very Good* (5) average ratings and the overall mean rating was 4.36. In this year's very close race, the top two films received mean ratings of 4.78 and 4.79; these were designated as our Film Festival Winners for their exceptional quality. If you missed these two outstanding films at the Film Festival, you will have another chance to see them during a special encore presentation at the 2015 WPA Convention:

### **In the Shadow of the Sun** (85 mins)

A story about human rights, deep-rooted superstition, and incredible strength, *In The Shadow of the Sun* explores the troubling increase of violence and brutal murders in Tanzania targeting people with albinism. Filmed over six years, *In The Shadow Of The Sun* tells the incredible story of two albino men as they attempt to follow their dreams in the face of prejudice and fear: Vedastus, a quietly determined 15-year-old, who still hopes of completing his education, and Josephat Torner, a young man who has dedicated his life to campaigning against the discrimination of his people. In these two impassioned individuals, we recognize our most basic human needs: to belong to a community of others, to forge our own sense of personal identity, and the unimaginable lengths to which we must go to preserve our dignity.

*The Cinema Guild, (2013, DVD). Rental Price \$125; Purchase Price \$350*

### **School's Out - Lessons from a Forest Kindergarten** (36 mins)

No classroom for these kindergarteners. In Switzerland's Langnau am Albis, a suburb of Zurich, children 4 to 7 years of age go to kindergarten in the woods every day, no matter what the weatherman says. This eye-opening film follows the forest kindergarten through the seasons of one school year and looks into the important question of what it is that children need at that age. There is laughter, beauty and amazement in the process of finding out.

*Bullfrog Films, (2013, DVD). Rental Price \$75; Purchase Price \$225*

## WPA Film Festival Ratings

Due to the interest that WPA members have shown in obtaining information about the quality of each film shown at the convention, the mean ratings are listed below for the films, grouped according to content area. Please note that completion of the rating form was completely voluntary, and not all viewers chose to turn in the form. Consequently, a few of the films were rated by a small number of viewers (indicated below with a \*); for statistical considerations those were not eligible to be designated as Winners (even with high ratings). Our previous year's Film Festival winners were shown at a special encore presentation this year. Although highly rated once again, they were also not eligible to be Film Festival Winners.

1 = *Very Poor*    2 = *Poor*    3 = *Fair*    4 = *Good*    5 = *Very Good*

<u>Name of Film</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Distributor</u>	<u>Rating</u>
<b><u>ENVIRONMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY</u></b>			
Biophilic Design: The Architecture of Life	62	Bullfrog Films	3.91
<b><u>EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY</u></b>			
School's Out - Lessons from a Forest Kindergarten	36	Bullfrog Films	4.79
<b><u>AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER</u></b>			
Best Kept Secret: Aging Out with Autism	85	Alexander Street Press	4.29
<b><u>TOURETTE'S SYNDROME</u></b>			
What Makes Me Tic?	40	Alexander Street Press	4.35
<b><u>BIPOLAR DISORDER</u></b>			
Of Two Minds: Coping with Bipolar Disorder	90	Alexander Street Press	4.53
<b><u>GENDER ISSUES</u></b>			
Man for a Day	59	Icarus Films	4.17
<b><u>ASIAN-AMERICAN ISSUES</u></b>			
Xmas Without China	63	Bullfrog Films	4.50
Your Day is My Night	64	The Cinema Guild	2.67*
<b><u>NOTABLE PSYCHOLOGISTS</u></b>			
Wizard of the Desert	101	Noetic Films	4.50
<b><u>GAY &amp; LESBIAN ISSUES</u></b>			
Choosing Children	46	GroundSpark	3.97
<b><u>AFRICAN-AMERICAN ISSUES</u></b>			
The New Black	74	California Newsreel	4.67
Homegoings	56	California Newsreel	4.17
<b><u>VIOLENCE &amp; TRAUMA</u></b>			

Healing the Hurt: A Trauma Informed Approach	40	California Newsreel	4.64
When the Shooting Stops	30	Alexander Street Press	4.10
Refuge: Caring for Survivors of Torture	57	The Refuge Media Project	4.50

### HEROISM

Psychology and the New Heroism	87	Bullfrog Films	4.42
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### \*\*\*WINNERS OF THE 2013 WPA FILM FESTIVAL\*\*\*

Changing Your Mind	44	Icarus Films	4.61
Inocente	40	The Cinema Guild	4.56

### YOUTH IN ASIA

When the Bough Breaks	144	Icarus Films	2.67*
Bittersweet Joke	52	Icarus Films	4.29

### SUICIDE

Toward Daylight	18	Icarus Films	3.91
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### AT RISK: ADDICTIONS

Bob and the Monster	85	The Cinema Guild	4.65
Gambling Boys	46	Icarus Films	3.67*

### ALBINISM

In the Shadow of the Sun	85	The Cinema Guild	4.78
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## ADDRESSES OF FILM DISTRIBUTORS

The Western Psychological Association would like to thank the following distributors for providing films for this year's Convention. Questions about rental and sales should be sent to the appropriate distributor at the address below.

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