

## 2015 WPA Film Festival Winners

The WPA Film Festival this year was under the direction of Carrie M. Margolin; the projectionists were Eva Mearns, Andrea Mendoza, Sapphire Morton, and Taylor Van Rysselberghe, 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 (83%) of the films received *Good* (4) to *Very Good* (5) average ratings and the overall mean rating was 4.42. In this year's very close race, the top two films received mean ratings of 4.83 and 5.00; 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 2016 WPA Convention:

### **Forget Me Not - Losing Memory - Finding Love (88 mins)**

Filmmaker David Sieveking weaves an astonishingly candid, loving and revelatory chronicle of the changes his mother's Alzheimer's has on his family. Although dealing with his mother's disease is painful, caring for her does offer Sieveking a chance to reconnect with his family and immerse himself in the secrets and passions of his parents' long and fascinating lives. What emerges is a poignant and rich study of family ties and the unexpected rewards that come from living life to the fullest.

*Bullfrog Films (2012; DVD). Rental Price \$95; Purchase Price \$295*

### **Homecoming: Conversations with Combat PTSD (29 mins)**

*Homecoming* is a documentary film exploring how United States Marines experience Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Using interviews with Marine combat veterans of OIF and OEF, the film takes viewers beyond the abstract concept of "PTSD" to reveal what it means to live with the memories of war after coming home. It invites the viewer to rethink the idea of Combat Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and their own responsibility to our men and women in the armed services.

*Trespass Productions (2013; DVD, Blu-Ray). Rental Price n/a; Purchase Price \$200/universities & colleges*

## 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). Some films received no ratings (indicated below with a \*\*\*). 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>MORAL DEVELOPMENT</u></b>			
Born to be Good	51	Filmmaker's Library	3.78
<b><u>BULLYING</u></b>			
The Boy Game	16	New Day Films	3.43
<b><u>COUPLES, RELATIONSHIPS, &amp; DIVORCE</u></b>			
Seeking Asian Female	53	New Day Films	4.67
Split: Divorce through Kids' Eyes	28	Bruno Films	4.65
<b><u>ADOPTION</u></b>			
Somewhere Between	88	GOOD DOCS	4.75
<b><u>NEUROPSYCHOLOGY</u></b>			
Where Am I?	44	Bullfrog Films	3.33
Genetic Me	52	Filmmaker's Library	4.80
<b><u>TRAUMA &amp; POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER</u></b>			
Homecoming: Conversations with Combat PTSD	29	Trespass Productions	4.83
When I Came Home	70	New Day Films	5.00*
Land of Opportunity	97	New Day Films	***
<b><u>***WINNERS OF THE 2014 WPA FILM FESTIVAL***</u></b>			
In the Shadow of the Sun	85	The Cinema Guild	4.50
School's Out - Lessons from a Forest Kindergarten	36	Bullfrog Films	4.50
<b><u>DEPRESSION &amp; SUICIDE</u></b>			
El Huaso: The Last Rodeo	78	Magic Lantern	***
The Dark Side of a Pill	59	Filmmaker's Library	4.60
<b><u>PSYCHOPATHOLOGY &amp; THERAPY</u></b>			
The Naked Room	67	Magic Lantern	4.00
Red to White - A Family Member's Story	11	The Expression Project	3.67

## GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, & TRANSGENDER ISSUES

Alfredo's Fire	39	Open Eye Pictures	4.00
Romeo Romeo	80	GOOD DOCS	3.50
Madame Phung's Last Journey	87	Icarus Films	4.67
Lucky	75	The Cinema Guild	***

## WOMEN'S ISSUES

Actress	86	The Cinema Guild	4.50
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## SOCIAL ISSUES

The Homestretch	53	Bullfrog Films	5.00*
Evolution of a Criminal	83	GOOD DOCS	4.56

## ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Forget Me Not - Losing Memory - Finding Love	88	Bullfrog Films	5.00
Flore	93	The Cinema Guild	4.20

## AT RISK: ADDICTIONS & SEXUAL ABUSE

On Life's Terms: Mothers in Recovery	57	Pandora's Box Productions	4.50
Secret Survivors	40	Filmmaker's Library	4.00

## HUMAN SEXUALITY

Vulva 3.0	52	Icarus Films	4.56
Suitcase of Love and Shame	70	The Cinema Guild	4.50

## TORTURE

Expert Witness: Health Professionals on the Frontline Against Torture	45	www.expertwitnessagainsttorture.com	4.67
Torture Made in USA	85	Bullfrog Films	5.00*

## DEATH & DYING

A Will for the Woods	93	Bullfrog Films	5.00*
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