

RAINIER INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL

*In the Shadow of
Mt. Rainier*

MAY 13-15
2016



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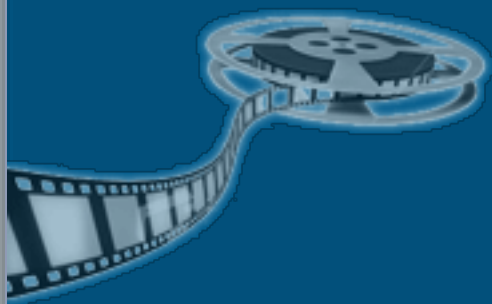
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“In the foothills of Mount Rainier is a rarity — a film festival actually focused on film.” — Rebecca Winters Keegan, TIME magazine Hollywood Correspondent

Here are the films that received top honors at the 2015 RIFF

Best Student Film	<i>Diamonds in the Rough</i> , directed by Dominique Carino
Best Short Documentary	<i>Riding My Way Back</i> , directed by Robin Fryday & Peter Rosenbaum
Best Documentary	<i>When Giants Fall</i> , directed by Leslie Griffith
Best Short Narrative	<i>From the Sky</i> , directed by Ian Ebright

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The Rainier Llama Award as presented by Warren

Secret, directed by Tony Fulgham

Best Feature Film

Imperial Dreams, directed by Malik Vitthal

Audience Favorite

Booze Boys & Brownies, directed by Veronica Mannion

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Here are the films that received top honors at the 2014 RIFF

Best Student Film

"Sheltered Love", directed by Alex Italics

Best Animated Short Film

"Yearbook", directed by Bernando Britton

Best Short Documentary

"Wild New Brave", directed by Oakley Anderson-Moore

Best Documentary

"Finding Hillywood", directed by Leah Warshawski

Best Short Narrative

"Into the Dark", directed by Lukas Hassel

The Rainier Llama Award as presented by Warren

"Sequoia", directed by Andy Landen

Best Feature Film

"Sand Castles", directed by Clenét Verdi-Rose

Audience Favorite

"A Bit of Bad Luck", directed by John Fuhrman

Best Cinematography

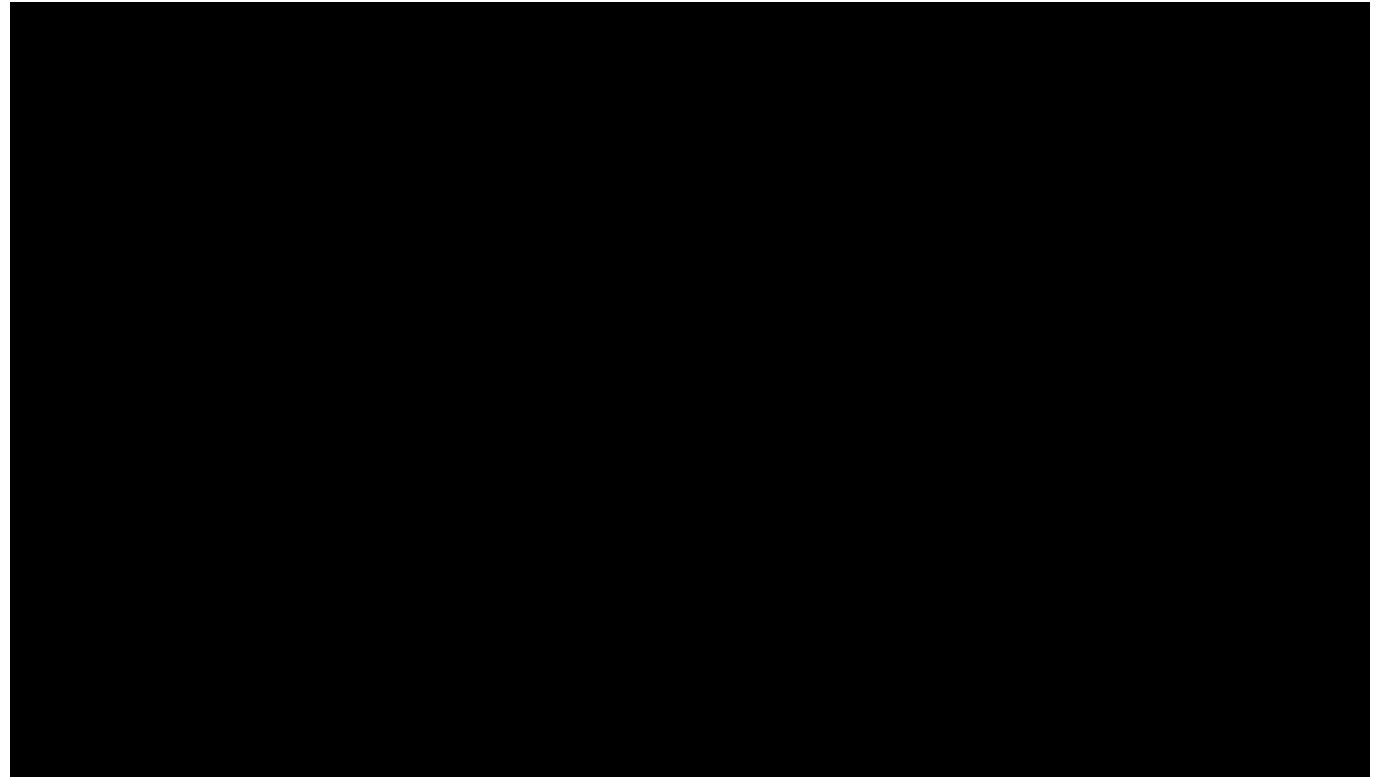
"Yakona", directed by Paul Collins and Anlo Sepulveda

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May 9, 2014

Today is Opening Night! The 8th Annual Rainier Independent Film Festival is excited to announce the Opening Night Film [CEMENT SUITCASE!](#)



Franklin, the best wine salesman in the Yakima Valley, hates his life. His girlfriend is cheating on him, and he doesn't even have the self-respect to tell her that he knows. When he meets the "other guy" - who turns out to be a terrific person - he decides it's time to let go of some baggage.

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Best Student Film *Jody's Bra, directed by Janine Sides*

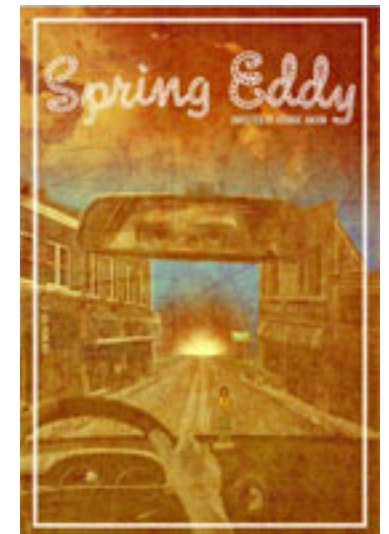
Best Short Documentary	<i>Sleeping with Siri, directed by Marty Riemer</i>
Best Documentary	<i>Walking the Camino: Six Ways to Santiago, directed by Lydia B. Smith</i>
Best Short Narrative	<i>Practice Makes Perfect, directed by Vance Malone</i>
The Rainier Llama Award as presented by Warren	<i>Free Pie, directed by Caleb Slain</i>
Best Feature Film	<i>Isn't it Delicious, directed by Michael Patrick Kelly</i>
Audience Favorite	<i>Knuckle Jack, directed by John Adams & Toby Poser</i>
Best Director	<i>Tate Bunker, Little Red</i>

The 2013 Festival [Film Schedule](#)

April 19, 2013

The 7th Annual Rainier Independent Film Festival is pleased to present the **Opening Night Film, SPRING EDDY**. This screwball crime comedy fuses the best traditions of Western films and the modern chaos of the Coen Brothers. And much like RAISING ARIZONA the desperation fueling these characters is real and humane.

"If you were to mash up NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN with equal parts THE GETAWAY and any romantic comedy, you'd have SPRING EDDY." - Slackerwood



SPRING EDDY

Here are the films that received top honors at the 2012 RIFF

Best Student Film	<i>Incest! The Musical; Grant Reed, Director</i>
Best Animated Film	<i>Kubla Khan; Joan Gratz, Director</i>
Best Cinematography	<i>Masque; Robert Hatch, Director</i>
Best Documentary	<i>Out On a Limb; Kent Heutink, Director</i>
Best Feature Film	<i>Rumblestrips; John Adams & Toby Poser, Directors</i>
Audience Favorite	<i>Not that Funny; Lauralee Farrer, Director</i>
Best Short Documentary	<i>Hanuman Airlines; Hamilton Pevec, Director</i>
Best Short Narrative	<i>Validation; Ewen Wright, Director</i>
The Rainier Llama Award for a Short	<i>Tumbleweed!; Jared Varava, Director</i>
The Rainier Llama Award for a Feature	<i>Sahkanaga; John Henry Summerour, Director</i>

The 2012 Festival [Film Schedule](#)

Here are the films that received top honors at the 2011 RIFF

Best Student Film	<i>Mack; Ben Kadie, Director</i>
Best Animated Film	<i>Prayers for Peace; Justin Grella, Director</i>
Best Screenplay	<i>The Gray Area; Chapin Hemmingway, Director</i>

Best Cinematography	<i>Kaya; Tony Leonardo, Director</i>
Best Feature Film	<i>The Drummond Will; Allan Butterworth, Director</i>
Audience Favorite	<i>Catching Dreams; Kevin Flint, Director</i>
Best Short Documentary	<i>Ride of Mergansers; Steve Furman, Director</i>
Best Full-Length Documentary	<i>Taylor Camp; Robert Stone, Director</i>
Best Narrative Short	<i>Something Special; Kristi Simkins, Director</i>
The Rainier Llama Award as presented by Warren	<i>Superheroes; Michael Barnett, Director</i>

The 2011 Festival [Film Schedule](#)

The Schedule has been finalized and the Opening Night Film is THE DRUMMOND WILL. There will be a Q&A after the screening with the filmmakers projected via Skype from London - (it will be 5am there!)

Following the Q&A is the Opening Night Gala with the dress theme being Black and White - not formal, just Black and/or White (not mandatory to attend).

All the Best,
Win Whittaker



Here are the films that received top honors at the 2010 RIFF

Warren Etheredge presented this year's awards. And the Buzzy" goes to:

Best Student Film	<i>Melting the Snowman</i>
Best Short Documentary	<u>Wings of Silver: The Vi Cowden Story</u> 📺
Best Full Length Documentary	<u>Back to the Garden, Flower Power Comes Full Circle</u> 📺
Best Narrative Short	<u>Hidden in Time</u> 📺
Audience Favorite	<i>Calvin Marshall</i>
Best Feature	<u>The Immaculate Conception of Little Dizzle</u> 📺

June 13, 2010

The 2010 Awards Gala



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