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**It's a Wrap for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual**

## **Inside Out Toronto LGBT Film and Video Festival**

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### **Announcing The Winners**

**Inside Out** has provided a world-class platform for filmmakers around the world to tell their stories for more than two decades. One of the largest LGBT festivals in the world, **Inside Out Toronto LGBT Film and Video Festival** wrapped Sunday night with more than 85 screenings and rang the meter "up" at the box office making 2011 a stand-out success.

Last night Inside Out handed out eight prestigious awards to some of the queer filmmaking community's brightest worldwide talents.

And the winners...

#### **Canadian Jury Awards**

This year our Canadian Jury included **Denise Benson** a Toronto-based DJ, event producer and freelance journalist; **Renata Mohamed** a Toronto-based filmmaker and a graduate of the Integrated Media program at OCAD; and **Jamie Travis** an indie film writer/director considered "one of the most original voices in Canadian cinema."

Entertainment Partners Canada/ Canada Film Capitol Award for

#### **Best Canadian Film or Video**

##### ***HOME OF THE BUFFALO***

**By Rémy Huberdeau** (screened in Transplanetarium)

Entertainment Partners Canada/ Canada Film Capitol Award for

#### **Emerging Canadian Artist**

##### ***SWIM***

**By Jordan Tannahill** (screened in Hogtown Homos)

Charles Street Video Award for

#### **Best Up-and-Coming Toronto Film or Video Maker, presented to a local first-time filmmaker**

##### ***A DRAGGED OUT AFFAIR***

**By Sonia Hong** (screened in Hogtown Homos)

HARDtv Hot Shorts Award

***DANCE TO MISS CHIEF***

by **Kent Monkman** (screened in Hogtown Homos)

**International Jury Award**

And on our international Jury this year Inside Out was proud to have **Marco Berger** from Buenos Aires who is a world-renowned award-winning filmmaker; **Michael Gamilla** Director of ImageOut, Rochester's LGBT Film and Video Festival; and **Kirstine Molgaard** from Copenhagen who is the Festival Director of MIX COPENHAGEN LGBT Film Festival.

**Bill Sherwood Award for  
Best First Feature**

***BLACK FIELD***

by **Vardis Marinakis** (Greece)

**Audience Awards**

**RBC Royal Bank Award for  
Best Feature Film or Video**

***WEEKEND***

By **Andrew Haigh**

**Elle Flanders Award for  
Best Documentary Film or Video**

***WE WERE HERE***

by **David Weissman**

**Mikey/Schmikey Award for  
Best Short Film or Video**

***CHANGE***

By **Melissa Osborne and Jeff McCutcheon** (USA) (screened in the Black Boxes program)

**About Inside Out:**

Inside Out presents the annual Toronto LGBT Film and Video Festival, with financial support from Presenting Sponsor RBC. It is the largest event of its kind in Canada. In 2010, Inside Out celebrated two decades of challenging attitudes and changing lives, with a diverse group of members numbering over 400 supporting the Festival and year-round initiatives. The Festival, entertains cinema buffs of all stripes, showcasing the best and most diverse films by, for and of interest to LGBT communities. For 11 days, the Festival draws crowds of 32,000 to screenings, artist talks, panel discussions, installations and parties that highlight more than 200 films and videos from Canada and around the world.

**About RBC and the Arts:**

RBC sponsors a wide-range of grassroots and local initiatives that contribute to the cultural fabric of our communities. Proud to support events and passions that resonate with our clients and all Canadians, RBC provides opportunities for up-and-coming artists through programs such as the RBC Canadian Painting Competition, one of the largest competitions of its kind in the world; and the RBC Emerging Filmmakers Competition, part of our commitment as the Official Bank and major sponsor of the world's top public film festival – the Toronto International Film Festival®.

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