

SPOOKY MOVIE: 2010

The 5th Annual Washington D.C. International Horror Film Festival

Spooky Movie Film Festival Announces Winners of 2010 DarkHart Screenplay Award

(Washington, D.C.) SPOOKY MOVIE - THE WASHINGTON, D.C. INTERNATIONAL HORROR FILM FESTIVAL is proud to announce the winners of the second annual DarkHart Screenplay Awards: "Cult Flick" and "United We Survive."

"Cult Flick," written by Brian Hauser, received the top award for feature screenplay writing. The script tells the story of recently returned Iraq veteran Cal, who is driving across the country to a film festival almost no one knows about to recapture his enthusiasm for an unfinished film he no longer cares about. A series of odd dreams along the way offers a surreal solution to his quest

"Literate, masterful, movie-within-movie and Lovecraft. This had it all!" said Pam Marin Kingsley, the president of DarkHart Press and sponsor of the DarkHart award.

The runner ups in the feature category included the fun "The Jersey Devil" from musician and filmmaker Aurelio Voltaire, the hysterically creepy "Killer Granny" from Kevin Armento and Jesse Griffith's claustrophobic feature screenplay "Cockpit"

The recipient of the DarkHart Award for short screenplay was the ambitious "United We Survive" from writer Isaac Loftus, which follows the story of David, an orphaned boy who is struggling to survive in the midst of a devastating war that has made food scarce and the people ravenous. He continues to cling to life on the streets until a curiously familiar girl invites him to dinner. In her David may have found not only a meal but also a family in this city filled with hungry wolves.

The two runner-ups in the shorts category this year are the sinister "Trunk or Treat" from writer Ron Podell and (once again) Brian Hauser with his subtly scary "The Curfew."

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