



Clare Valley Film Festival 24 - 26 March 2011

And the 2011 awards go to...



The **2nd Clare Valley Film Festival** ended on Saturday. Building on the success of 2010, this year's festival spanned 3 days. On Thursday and Friday we had 2 evening programmes of feature length docs, ***Trapped*** and ***The Sweeney*** support by short films. Saturday was the main event: **Radio Adelaide** broadcast live all afternoon, an exhibition of stills from some of the films and 6 screenings: ***Family, Homegrown, Clewers 24 Hour Film Challenge*** and the 3 competition screenings, ***DAY, EVENING*** and ***NIGHT***. The festival came to a close with the Awards Gala, a red-carpet affair hosted by **Ricci Stanley** and **Grant**

McAvaney. This kicked off with the Oscar winning animation ***The Lost Thing***, then last year's Best Australian Film winner **Matt Hawkins** gave us a sneak preview of his first feature, ***Double Happiness Uranium***. We had messages from the winners of Best International Film, all the way from Greece, and Best Australian with the Sydney Harbour Bridge as a backdrop. Followed of course by the reception kindly hosted by Grosset and Mount Horrocks Wines.

We were overwhelmed by the support from our sponsors and audience, so many kind words and messages. We have a great number of people to thank and couldn't begin to do so here as it would take up too much space. Watch out for the report in a couple of weeks.

"I enjoyed meeting people, discussing the films & the variety presented"
"Fantastic entertainment - absolutely want to come again"

Our message to you all is the CVFF is your festival and we're here to stay!

The Awards

Best Australian Short Film: **Happenstance**, Directed by John Marsh (NSW)

Australian Special Mention: **The Road Not Taken**, Damian Fasolo (WA)

Best International Short Film: **Dead On Time**, Directed by Andreas Lampropoulos & Kostas Skiftas (Greece)

International Special Mention: **Sign Language**, Directed by Oscar Sharp (UK)

International Special Mention: **Manos de Dios**, Directed by Adolf El Assal (Luxembourg)

Audience Choice Award: **Threads**, Directed by Matt Taabu (UK)

Clewers 24H Film Challenge Winner: **Silent Hero**, Darkside Productions (SA)

Clewers 24H Film Challenge Runner up: **Time to be a Hero**, Subconscious Studios (SA)

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