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Greenwich Youth Film Festival Winners Announced at April 26 Event

Gary Springer Delivered Keynote Speech with advice for Aspiring Film Makers

April 28, 2015, Greenwich, CT – The Junior League of Greenwich hosted the fourth annual Greenwich Youth Film Festival on Sunday, April 26 at the Cole Auditorium at Greenwich Library. 23 awards were given out to high school students from Fairfield and Westchester Counties for the first, second and third place winners from each of six genres – Animation, Creative, Documentary, Music Video, Social Action, and Experimental – as well as the top three Best Freshman Films, the Best Film Poster and the Best of the Festival.

Two categories were added to this year's Festival – Experimental Film and Best Film Poster. The Experimental Film category considered films that strove to embody indefinable creativity, and did not fit into any other existing categories. This category was judged by Peter M. Brant, an entrepreneur, film producer, publisher, philanthropist, and art collector. The Best Film Poster award recognized the most compelling poster advertising a submitted film. This category was judged by Bill Gold, who had a prolific career designing film posters for over seven decades.

The Greenwich Youth Film Festival, co-sponsored by the Greenwich Library, screened the 32 finalist films. First Selectman Peter Tesei welcomed the audience before the screening began. The Festival also featured a keynote address by Gary Springer of Springer Associates PR. In his remarks, Mr. Springer described how he developed his career in the entertainment industry, and offered advice for budding filmmakers.

The winners were selected by a top line up of judges including Joseph Biancaniello (Creative), Peter Brant (Experimental), Gary Dell'Abate (Music Video), Candy Kugel (Animation), Todd McCammon and Linda Moroney (Documentary), Clay Pecorin (Social Action) and Gary Springer (Best Freshman Film). Bill Gold judged the Best Film Poster award. Kristina Leigh Copeland judged the Best of the Festival category, selected from the top six films. Ms. Copeland

personally presented this award at the Festival. Awards included \$1,000 to the Grand Prize winner, \$500 to the other five genre winners, \$250 for the Best Freshman Film, \$100 for all second place winners, \$50 for all third place winners, and \$100 for the Best Film Poster.

In addition to the prize of \$500, the winning films in the Creative and Documentary genres will be screened at the Greenwich International Film Festival in June. The winning Film Poster was awarded a copy of the commemorative Warner Brothers 90th Anniversary Poster, featuring over 90 movie posters designed by the legendary Bill Gold. The Best of the Festival winner's film will be shown at a private screening at the Tribeca Film Center in Manhattan, followed by a screening of Kristina Leigh Copeland's documentary, The Wall Street Conspiracy. The screening will be followed by a sit down with Ms. Copeland at the Tribeca Grille.

Greenwich Youth Film Festival 2015 Winners

Best of the Festival Winner

Gabrielle Giacomo	Resplendent
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Animation

Place	Name	Film Title
1st	Georgina Cahill	Driving Towards a Better Future
2nd	Patrick Neafsey	Man's Best Friend
3rd	Cooper Yeager	A Little Help From My Friends

Creative

1st	Gabrielle Giacomo and Mary Grace Henry	In Time
2nd	Claren Hesburgh and Jordan Cohen	Hands
3rd	The Marvelous McGuffins	Aggie Ryan

Documentary

1st	Cynthia Thomas, Aggie Ryan and Riley Doyle	Feeding the Addiction
2nd	Maya Rajan, Christina DeConcini and Caroline Dym	Behind the Camera: Lee Morgan
3rd	Tasha Adison, Quinn Butler and Juliette Guice	Takin' it to the Streets

Experimental

1st	Lauren Chapey	Self Portrait
2nd	Ellen Pucel	Shredding the Gnar
3rd	Claire Uygur	Pulse

Music Video

1st	Gabrielle Giacomo	Resplendent
2nd	Jonathan Pasquarella	Ocean View
3rd	Sydney Agona	Stranger

Social Action

Place	Name	High School
1st	Tevan Costoso	Asleep at the Wheel
2nd	Kathryn Goodfriend, Jillian Larkin and Ava Bloom	Stop Bullying Yourself
3rd	Claire Uygur	In Their Shoes

Best Freshman Film

1st	Perry Barth and Laura Holland	New Foods on the Block
2 nd (tie)	Kathryn Goodfriend, Jillian Larkin and Ava Bloom	Stop Bullying Yourself
2nd (tie)	Maya Rajan, Christina DeConcini and Caroline Dym	We Exist Too
3rd	Maya Rajan, Christina DeConcini and Caroline Dym	Behind the Camera: Lee Morgan

Best Film Poster

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About the Junior League of Greenwich

The Junior League of Greenwich has been bettering the community for over 50 years. It is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained individuals. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. If you are interested in joining the Junior League of Greenwich and making a difference in our community, contact the JLG Office at (203) 869-1979 or visit our website at www.jlgreenwich.org.