

## 2007 MsFF Nominated and Winning Films

### Best Narrative:

- Checkpoint – An encounter ends in tragedy when a Lebanese-Australian family is harassed by soldiers at a checkpoint. Directed by: Ben Phelps
- Aquarium – For a kid growing up in the suburbs, the truth can lie at the bottom of a fish tank. Directed by: Rob Meyer
- Personal Spectator – A woman is offered a quick therapy to cure her seemingly bland existence. Directed by: Emmanuel Jaspers
- Pismo A wounded soldier puts his wife to an emotional test with a result he didn't anticipate. Directed by: Matvei Zhivov
- THE 2007 BEST NARRATIVE WINNER: **AQUARIUM**, Rob was present to accept his award

### Best Foreign:

- King Justice – A glimpse into the life of a musician in Sierra Leone. Directed by: Miguel Herrera
- The Fight / La Lucha – A Cuban prostitute tells a foreign journalist the reasons behind her choices. Directed by: Alex Festinese and Madia Levi
- Pismo – A wounded soldier puts his wife to an emotional test with a result he didn't anticipate. Directed by: Matvei Zhivov
- Measles - directed by Yasmeen Ismail
- THE 2007 BEST FOREIGN: **PISMO**
  - Matvei couldn't make it to the festival but William accepted the award on his behalf

### Best Local:

- A Monkton Family Christmas – The significance of Christmas is put to the test inside the mind of a six-year-old girl. Directed by: Angel Barroeta
- Let Go – Jorge and his friends embark on a night that they will not remember and never forget. Directed by: Hugo Torres
- Walk In The Park – When Jake Hall delivers a ransom he learns that some things cost more than money. Directed by: Marc Ruiz

· THE 2007 BEST LOCAL: **A MONKTON FAMILY CHRISTMAS**, Angel was present to accept his award.

### **Best Animation:**

· BARE – In a world of Big Business Bears, one little bear dares to be bare. Directed by: Andy Lyon

· LOOM – A street musician meets risks his life to save a child and meets his fate at the hands of an old woman who is more than she seems. Directed by: Scott Kravitz

· MEASLES – Highlights the huge increase in death and injury caused by small arms and light weapons. Directed by: Yasmeen Ismail

· THE 2007 BEST ANIMATION WINNER: **LOOM**

- SCOTT COULDN'T BE HERE WITH US SO THE FESTIVAL ACCEPTED THE AWARD ON HIS BEHALF

### **Best Experimental:**

· Lucifer – The story of an exalted angel presumed to be the chosen one to rule the kingdom of Heaven. Directed by: Ray Griggs

· Spin Cycle – Charts the cascade of consciousness as it manifests from beyond name and form into thought. Directed by: Dave Rubinson

· Flash Banner Contest Winner – A life-size armchair recites a poem in this 3D stop-motion animation. Directed by: Scott Gelber

· DJ:LA – The frenzied sights and sounds of LA are remixed to uncover the city's rhythm and melody. Directed by: Jerry Chan

· THE 2007 BEST EXPERIMENTAL: **DJ:LA**, Jerry wasn't with us so William accepted the award on his behalf

### **Best Documentary:**

· The Fight / La Lucha – A Cuban prostitute tells a foreign journalist the reasons behind her choices. Directed by: Alex Festinese and Madia Levi

· King Justice – A glimpse into the life of a musician in Sierra Leone. Directed by: Miguel Herrera

· THE 2007 BEST DOCUMENTARY WINNER: **THE FIGHT / LA LUCHA**

THE DIRECTORS COULD NOT BE WITH US SO THE FESTIVAL ACCEPTED THE AWARD ON THEIR BEHALF

**Best of Festival:**

The Miami Short Film Festival Best of Festival \$12,000 Award is presented to one of the six Best of Category winners – the 2007 Best of Festival winner is: Aquarium, directed by Rob Meyer

**Yahoo! Telemundo Award Winner:**

The Gift-El Regalo, directed by Stuart Escobedo-Altman

Yahoo! Telemundo and The Miami Short Film Festival partnered to host an online portion of the Festival. Select films submitted to the Festival were screened on the Yahoo! Telemundo website, with the winning film to be featured on the front page.

More information can be found here:

<http://espanol.movies.yahoo.com/shortfilmfestival/index.html>