

## **Wicked Young Filmmakers Film Festival 2009**

### **Young Filmmakers Training Programme**

Wicklow Young Filmmakers Training Programme was established in 2006 and since then has gone from strength to strength. This year's programme was developed by the Wicklow County Arts Office and County Wicklow Film Commission. Fifty young people aged between 12 and 16 learned to write, act, shoot, direct and edit their own short films under the guidance of a professional training team.

Filmmakers Terence White from Gorey, Alan Slattery from Kilkenny and Therese Dalton from New Ross delivered this year's programme in three venues throughout the county. The venues being Courthouse Arts Centre, Tinahely, Clermont Campus, Rathnew and Killruddery Arts, Killruddery House Bray.

The training course and Film Festival harnesses the energy and creativity of the young people involved and we are delighted to be able to screen the results of their hard work and enthusiasm.

### **Wicked Film Festival**

Wicked Young Filmmakers Festival was established and developed in 2006 by County Wicklow Film Commission, Wicklow County Arts Office and Wicklow Rural Partnership. This proved to be a very successful collaboration. The festival was developed to showcase the work of the young filmmakers who participated in the training courses but was then expanded to include the work of young emerging filmmakers in the county. In order to support young emerging filmmakers, the Young Filmmakers Bursary was also developed.

### **The Wicklow Young Filmmakers Bursary**

Wicklow County Arts Office and County Wicklow Film Commission now offers a series of bursary opportunities for young emerging filmmakers under the following categories:

#### Category 1

Best Short Film for age category 22-25 years	€1000
Runner Up for age category 2-25 years	€500

#### Category 2

Best Short Film for age category 18-21	€750
Runner Up for age category 18-21	€500

The bursary awards represent a substantial injection of development funding for filmmaking in the county. Both Wicklow County Arts Office and County Wicklow Film Commission hope that this Festival will continue to grow and create new supports and platforms for film in the county.

## **Wicklow Young Filmmakers Bursary Winners**

Category 1

Winner

**The Fall of the House of Lawrence** (10mins)

Director: T.J O'Grady-Peyton

Producer: Fan Yang

It's Christmas Day, and all the dysfunctions of the Lawrence family continue to play out. Issues such as infertility, suicide and secrecy all bubble below the surface as Lawrence family home falls from the sky.

Runner Up

**Size 9 – Pink** (11 mins 27)

Director: Aisling Gibney

Producer: Aisling Gibney

This is the story of a young transvestite called Clarissa. See her journey as she struggles to find her place in society, the love of her life and the respect of her father.

## **Category 2**

Winner

**My Day** (2mins 17)

Director: Eamonn O'Neill

Producer: IADT Dun Laoghaire

An animation drama about personal space.

**On the Quiet** (5 mins 20)

Director: Eamonn O'Neill

An animated film about quiet moments and still experiences.

Runner Up

**Ignorance is Bliss** ( 6 mins)

Director: Alec Moore

Producer: Alec Moore

A homeless man is constantly ignored by the sea of people on the streets. One day he has had enough and jumps from the top of a building. The sad reality is that no-one notices. People still pass by, what you don't know won't hurt you .... Ignorance is bliss.

## **Festival Line Up**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August**

### **ArtLinks - Producing a Short Film (Two day course)**

#### **Course Facilitators: Filmbase**

Founded in 1986 Filmbase is a support organization for the independent film and video sector in Ireland. Filmbase fulfils this role by facilitating training & development, equipment and edit suite hire, information services, representation and lobbying for the low budget film sector. Filmbase also publishes Film

Ireland magazine, the Ireland on Screen directory and administer a number of Short Film Award schemes.

**Tutor:** Conor Barry

**Venue:** Greystones Theatre

**Time:** 10.30 – 5.00

**Topics covered:**

What is the Producer's role? - Relationship between Producer and Director -  
What a Producer needs to know about directing - What a Director looks for in  
a Producer - Roles and responsibilities of different H.O.D.'s & Crew -  
Production Department – Who's who?

### **Screening of shorts by Young Filmmakers Training Programme 2009**

**Venue:** Courthouse Arts Centre, Tinahely

8.00pm Opening Speech Jenny Sherwin Arts Officer  
8.10pm Featured Short Film: Granny McGrimm  
8.30pm Screening of shorts by Wicked Training Programme participants  
9.00pm Presentation of certificates  
9.30pm Closing Vibeke Delahunt Wicklow Film Commission

## **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

### **ArtLinks course on Producing a Short Film (Day 2)**

**Course facilitators:** Filmbase

**Tutor:** Conor Barry

**Venue:** Greystones Theatre

**Time:** 10.30 – 5.00

**Topics covered:**

Short Films- Award Schemes - How to finance a low budget –using your  
imagination - Legal issues- regarding short film i.e. option, locations, cast and  
crew, music - Script breakdown – Scheduling – Budgeting – Casting –  
Crewing – Locations - Health and Safety issues - Pre to post production  
Film Festivals - Sales Agent and Marketing

### **Screening of shorts by Young Filmmakers Training Programme 2009**

**Venue:** Greystones Theatre

3.00pm Opening Speech Vibeke Delahunt Wicklow Film Commission  
3.10pm Featured Short Film: Granny McGrimm  
3.30pm Screening of shorts by Wicked Training Programme participants  
4.00pm Presentation of certificates  
4.30pm Closing Jenny Sherwin Arts Officer

## **Wicklow Young Filmmakers Bursary Awards**

- 7.00pm Opening Speech Jenny Sherwin Arts Officer  
7.10pm Screening of The Chronoscope by Andrew Legge and Fastnet Films  
7.35pm Screening of winning short films  
8.20pm Presentation of Young Filmmakers Bursary Awards by Pat Vance  
Cathaoirleach WCC  
8.35pm Announcing of winners of ArtLinks Bursary for Filmbase Courses  
8.40pm Closing Speech Vibeke Delahunt Wicklow County Film Commission

Wine Reception

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### **The Chronoscope**

Director: Andrew Legge

Producer: Morgan Bushe and Ben Keenan

In 1938 a young woman built a machine that could see into the past. The extraordinary story of this groundbreaking discovery is told for the first time using recently uncovered archival footage and recordings.

A film commissioned by Wicklow County Arts Office under the Per Cent for Art Commissioning Programme.



ArtLinks is an initiative developed by five county Arts Officers to support artists of all disciplines in the southeast counties of Wicklow, Wexford, Waterford, Carlow and Kilkenny. Among its many supports for 2009, Artlinks will support one film practitioner in each of the five counties in the Artlinks region to avail of one or multiple highly sought after *workshops and courses run annually by Filmbase*. A €300 bursary award will be paid to each successful applicant to cover one or more course fees and /or to contribute to necessary related subsistence/accommodation as required. For more details contact the County Wicklow Arts Office, Tel: 0404 20155