



## Past Competition Finalist and Winners

### 2011

#### Semi-Finalists

"The UnEngagement" by Laura Grabowski-Cotton  
"Ruled Accidental" by June Escalante  
"Mr. Clark" by June Escalante  
"Backwater" by Mike Murray  
"Pigeonhole" by Tony Schweikle  
"Miss Mystery" by Michael Siegel  
"Thunderstruck" by Andrew Verdi  
"Terrestrial" by Andrew Verdi  
"Rockerboxxxxer" by Erick Freitas  
"Mr. Wendell" by Vernon Mills  
"Dregslit" by Karen Tengwald  
"Queen of Vegas" by Peter Gazdag  
"The Raging Sun" by Stephen Lamm  
"Imposter" by Joshua Lee  
"Devotion" by Matteo Galante  
"Recalculating" by Laura Grabowski-Cotton  
"The Pineville Heist" by Lee Chambers and Todd Gordon  
"Chief Red Iron -The Lakota Uprising" by Gregory Heitmann  
"The Heckler" by Mike Hanson  
"Average Joe" by Peter Nesbitt  
"Through Laura's Eyes" by Donna Adams  
"Company of Bullets" by Alan Horsnail  
"JumpStart" by Alyssa Saturley  
"The Reflection" by Winston Huff  
"DreamWorld" by Brent Hartinger  
"Hawaii Calls" by Rick Helin  
"Eerie Company" by Donal Driscoll  
"The Rail Yard" by David Campbell  
"Take My Wife" by Brett Carlson  
"Loose Women" by Jeffrey Belanger  
"Project Sweet Life" by Brent Hartinger  
"D.O.C." by James Manion  
"The Forgotten War" by Jerry Johnson

### 2010

#### Competition Winners

##### First Place

"Wings of Stone" by T. Steed

America will do anything to stop a black janitor from becoming a world class sculptor.

##### Second Place

"The Strongman" by Alex Fournier

A tough child soldier in Northern Uganda escapes from the rebels who kidnapped him and fights to release his true self through the faith of a boxing coach and the affection of an orphan girl; but the rebels aren't done with him yet.

### Third Place

"Tearing Things Loose" by Charles Musser

At the turn of the century in the American West, young labor unions face off against the bosses of giant corporations in a violent fight for the soul of America. Radical union leader, 'Big Bill' Haywood leads the way, until he is charged with murdering the Governor of Idaho, and a young, relatively unknown lawyer by the name of Clarence Darrow arrives to wage a desperate struggle to save Haywood's life and preserve the very existence of labor unions in the United States.

### Finalists

"The Strongman" by Eugene Fournier

"Tearing Things Loose" by Charles Musser

"Too Real To Be True" by Kelly Lamphear-Dash

"Wings of Stone" by T. Steed

"Looking for a Man With a Corvette" by Janet Hogate

"Why" by David Allison

"Pieces of a Man" by Danny Powell

"Don't Tell Me You Love Me" by Ben Crawford

"Holy Land" by Ariel Weisbrod

## **2009**

### Competition Winners

#### First Place

"Andromache" by Kellie Rice

A people are not conquered until the hearts of their women are broken. After Andromache's people are defeated and her husband Hector is killed in the Trojan War, her son is thrown from the walls of Troy by Neoptolemus, the cruel son of Achilles. ANDROMACHE is the epic tale of the Trojan queen's struggle to survive and escape her slavery by Neoptolemus. She finds her way to the island of Crete and lives amongst the Minoans -- a peaceful, matriarchal people -- and rises in status when she performs well in their bull leaping ceremonies. Yet Neoptolemus hunts her, and just as she begins to build a life once more, falling for a hopeful young man and recovering her shattered identity, Neoptolemus tracks her down.

#### Second Place

"Dirty Laundry" by Brian Garland

A young pair of antagonistic socks happily split up when their eight-year old owner outgrows them. As time passes, these brothers learn the importance of family. When they voyage to reconvene they ultimately unite what makes the most significant bond in the laundry world - people and clothes.

### Third Place

"Extremum" by Katerina Slantcheva

After a horrific train accident, Daniel becomes a different person - his limbic system is damaged and he begins to experience extreme and violent emotions, which prevent him from living his normal life as a doctor. Soon he finds he is not alone in this predicament but others have different ideas how to cope with it.

### Honorable Mentions

"The Phoenix, the Falcon and the Raven" by Bryon Evans

"Genesis" by Scott Ruane"

### Finalists

"Dirty Laundry" by Brian Garland

"Timmy, the Bag Boy" by Randy Kent

"Genesis" by Scott Ruane

"Santa Claus and the Coalbringer" by Jeff Brown

"Cassanova Was a Woman" by Jezabel Montero

"The Phoenix, the Falcon and the Raven" by Bryon Evans

"Extremum" by Katerina Slantcheva

"Andromache" by Kellie Rice

"The Normal Life" by Christopher Nooner

### Semi-Finalists

"Timmy, the Bag Boy" by Randy Kent

"Fame Fatale" by Jesper Tillberg

"1349" by Caleb Camacho

"Genesis" by Scott Ruane

"We Only Meet In Darkness And We Go By Other Names" by Vanessa Long

"Santa Claus and the Coalbringer" by Jeff Brown

"One Night Stand" by Ian Coyne

"The Phoenix, the Falcon and the Raven" by Bryon Evans

"Soul Flyers" by Bryon Evans

"Big Ice" by Greg Bayan

"The Normal Life" by Christopher Nooner

"Cassanova Was a Woman" by Jezabel Montero

"Black Market" by Sami Jaffer

"The Call Him Larry" by Katerina Slantcheva

"Right On Inn" by Tom Noga

"Andromache" by Kellie Rice

"Unexpected Quarter" by Martin McCann

"Dead Man's Gulch" by Rob Rex

"Man With the Handlebar Mustache" by Rob Rex

"Extremum" by Katerina Slantcheva

"Dirty Laundry" by Brian Garland

"The Mark" by Katie Hare

"Hell's Kitchen B.C." by Gregory Georgiou

"West of Babylon: From What I've Tasted of Desire  
by Kevin M. Brettauer  
"Dream Boy" by Alejandro Sesma  
"Sophronia L." by Tim Bridwell  
"Looking For a Man With a Corvette" by Janet Hogate  
"Walrus Eating Baloney" by Benjamin Bates  
"Poor Little Rich Kid" by Amir Yassai  
"Modern Entertainment" by Justin Halstead  
"Blues of Life" by Pablo Thomas  
"The Ace of Aces" by Geoffrey Breuder  
"Millie and Daniel" by Reid Waterer

## 2008

### Competition Winners

#### First Place

"Damien and Isabella" by Julia Cunningham

Damien and Isabella are two star-crossed sweethearts in 19th century France. However, when Damien wounds the son of the Vicomte defending Isabella's honor he must go to war to serve out his sentence. Now believing Damien to be dead, Isabella is driven into madness and the arms of another man. With Damien's return, the two lovers must fight the class system and Isabella's impending marriage to a man she doesn't love in this grown up fairy tale of passion, loss, and revenge.

#### Second Place

"Love Me Don't" by Jeremy Dorfman

When the husband in a couple who were married purely out of spite has an affair, he decides to search out a man for his wife to have an affair with, so as to put her at fault for the divorce.

#### Third Place

"Trash" by Timothy Armstrong

A boy and girl fall through the city dump into a magical underground world where they encounter bitter trash creatures who are plotting to blow up the town above.

### Honorable Mention

"Gridiron Gaels" by Andrew Black

"Mistress of the Seas" by Rebecca Howland

### Finalists

"Merzouk" by Ryan Allison

"A Task of Draculian Proportions: The Quest for Kermit the Vampire" by Dave Vaughan

"The Avon Man" by Dave Vaughan

"Flying with the Devil" by Roi J. Tankin

"Gridiron Gaels" by Andrew Black

"Long Way Home" by Chris Morrison

“Straightening Simon” by Gary Barrett  
“The Moon and the Sea” by Kristina Tew  
“Killer Solitaire” by Tom Basham  
“Putting Honey on Fractures” by Courtenay Dolson  
“Mistress of the Seas” by Rebecca Howland  
“Journal of a Dinka Boy” by Jomo Merritt

#### Semi-Finalists

“The Swimmer Manuscript”  
“Cold Blooded”  
“Putting Honey on Fractures”  
“Lone Cypress”  
“The Ace of Aces”  
“Splintered Porch”  
“Borders of Paradise”  
“Kamikaze”  
“Fortune Cookies”  
“Devil's Due”  
“The Devil's Chaplin”  
“The Day Rock Died”  
“Draft Pick”  
“Damien and Isabella”  
“The Nutcracker”  
“A Death in Concord”  
“The Raven's Treasure”  
“a fish story”  
“Love Me Don't”  
“Journal of a Dinka Boy”  
“Outside the Box”  
“Allargando”  
“Welcome to Gary”  
“Looking for Leonardo”  
“Money Dearest”  
“Gridiron Gaels”  
“Opposites Attract”  
“Moon Walkers”  
“Flying With the Devil”  
“The Moon and the Sea”  
“The Avon Man”  
“A Task of Draculian Proportions: The Quest for Kermit the Vampire”

“From Time to Time”  
“The Year of the Dragon”  
“King of Tragedy”  
“Sleep Traveler”  
“Falling Into Place”  
“Brave”  
“Powder Brown”  
“Girls on the Run”  
“Milkweed”  
“My Own Private Myocardial Infarction”  
“Mistress of the Sea”  
“Blood Angel”  
“Long Way Home”  
“Savage Paradise”  
“Realm of the Goddess”  
“Doll”  
“Trash”  
“W.A.S.P.”  
“Judgment Way”  
“Merzouk”  
“Lone Dog Barking”  
“Olas Altas”  
“Countdown to Bliss”  
“Attempting to Connect”  
“Just Like Chicanery”  
“Straightening Simon”  
“Killer Solitaire”  
“When Women Rule”  
“Switched Fate”  
“The Dragon's Lair”  
“The Sketch Comedy Movie”  
“The Dubious and Dangerous Legacy of Lady Zac-Kuk”

## **2007**

### Competition Winners

#### 1st Place

Name: C. Robert Holloway

Screenplay: The Legend of Jean Laffite

Brief Synopsis: A swashbuckling romance masking a morality tale, based on the bravura adventures and incredible misdeeds of the pirate and patriot, Jean Laffite and his half-brother Pierre, forced to deny their Jewish ancestry. Culminates in Laffite's masterful, manipulative collaboration with Andrew Jackson to crush the British at the Battle of New Orleans, thereby saving the fledgling USA from reverting to British domination.

#### 2nd Place

Name: Robert DeFranco

Screenplay: Hit Parade

Brief Synopsis: Different groups of college-aged friends cross paths over the course of one drunk, stoned and murderous night.

#### 3rd Place

Name: Carley Andrews

Screenplay: Isobel

Brief Synopsis: Orphaned as a baby and raised by her grandmother who has recently died, a young woman is left totally alone in the world. She soon discovers her birth mother is alive and needs a bone marrow transplant. Will she save the life of the woman who abandoned her

## **2006**

### Competition Winners

#### 1st Place

Name: Mara Lesemann

Screenplay: No Options

Brief Synopsis: Tom is on the verge of financial ruin, and having an affair with his beautiful boss. When she's murdered, and he gets her job, the cops are convinced he's the killer. How can he prove them wrong?

#### 2nd Place

Name: Alexander Del Negro

Screenplay: Escaping Antarctica

Brief Synopsis: Two documentary film makers travel to Antarctica in search of Penguins, but discover that the birds are either dead or missing. Now stuck in the middle of nowhere amidst a crew of eccentric scientists and researchers, the two are forced to choose between changing their subject material, or finding a way out of the most inhospitable land in the world.

3rd Place

Name: Greg Scharpf

Screenplay: The Whore of Babylon

Brief Synopsis: Three people die and they are not good enough to get into heaven but not bad enough to go to hell. In order for them to go to heaven, they must travel back to Earth and send escaped evil spirits back to hell.

## 2005

### Winter Competition Winners

1st Place

Name: David Bertoni

Screenplay: The Stunning Box

Brief Synopsis: A psychiatrist must race against time to learn what fate awaits mankind on the day the Mayan calendar ends.

2nd Place

Name: Teresa Lewis

Screenplay: Rebirth

Brief Synopsis: A womanizing artist uncovers more than the nudes he captures on canvas, and finds the kind of love that changes his life and courage that alters the fate of a nation. Based on a true story.

3rd Place

Name: Evette Vargas

Screenplay: Sight Unseen

Brief Synopsis: A young photographer captures an assassination attempt on camera that results in the murder of two detectives. When his photos are published, the photographer is pulled into a deadly, twisted conspiracy and must find the killer to discover its mystery.

### Honorable Mention

Jeffrey Musmanno - A Solemn Path to Contentment

### Spring Competition Winners

1st Place

Name: Whitney Ferguson

Screenplay: Seventeen

Brief Synopsis: One summer at the beach teaches recent high school graduate Ernie Harlequin that family is a lot easier to love from far away.

## 2nd Place

Name: Andrew Kenneth Gay

Screenplay: Indian River Oranges

Brief Synopsis: India Sparks is an emotionally repressed ballerina prodigy who distances herself from every form of passion or desire. Her best friend Peach Lewis is an impulsive and sexually confused firebrand given to spur-of-the-moment decisions with destructive consequences. As these two struggle against their peers, their mentors, their own identities, and each other, they face difficult revelations about the meaning of love, the role of sex, and the art of living with a free will.

## 3rd Place

Name: Derek Doyle

Screenplay: Ny/Lon Express

Brief Synopsis: "NY/LON EXPRESS" explores the dangers of being an American in a foreign country. The story at hand finds two best friends, Ethan Bryant and Dimitry Jackson, waking on their last day of a European vacation in London. As they ready themselves for the day however, the local news start to report that the two friends are wanted for questioning in regards to the murder of a football star the previous night. What follows in the next hour and a half is a struggle that two friends find themselves in as they try to piece together what they remember from the night before; tainted from a night of club hopping and binge drinking. "NY/LON EXPRESS" explores the boundaries of friendship while taking new looks at law, ethics, and trust in a gritty street tale.

## Honorable Mention

Robert McCallum - The Marlana

Alan Woodruff - For Billy

Robin Thomas - Walrus Dog