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**NANTUCKET FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES
HONOREE FILMS AT CLOSING CEREMONIES**

***AUDIENCE AWARD FOR BEST FEATURE GOES TO THE YES MEN
ABSOLUT BEST SHORT GOES TO AMERICAN NUTRIA***

***MOBY DICK AWARD FOR BEST SCREENWRITING IN
A FEATURE FILM GOES TO DOWN TO THE BONE
MOBY DICK AWARD FOR BEST SCREENWRITING IN A SHORT FILM
GOES TO DYSENCHANTED***

***TEENVIEW ON NFF AWARD GOES TO HARVEY KRUMPET
BEST STORYTELLING IN A DOCUMENTARY FILM GOES TO
LIPSTICK AND DYNAMITE, PISS AND VINEGAR:
THE FIRST LADIES OF WRESTLING
THE BEST WRITER/DIRECTOR AWARD GOES TO PRIMER***

***TONY COX AWARD FOR SCREENWRITING GOES TO
JENNIFER MAISEL FOR THE LAST SEDER***

June 20, 2004 (Nantucket, MA) – The 9th Annual Nantucket Film Festival (NFF) drew to a close today by honoring a number of participating films and screenplays. Festival Executive Director Jill Burkhart and Artistic Director Mystelle Brabbee made the announcements at a festive awards brunch on the island.

Among the films honored at the closing ceremony are THE YES MEN which received The Audience Award for Best Feature and AMERICAN NUTRIA which received The Audience Award for Best Short, The Absolute Short. The MOBY DICK TM Award for Best Screenwriting in a Feature Film went to DOWN TO THE BONE, the MOBY DICK TM Award for Best Screenwriting in a Short Film went to DYSENCHANTED, the Teen View on NFF® Award went to KRUMPET and the festival's inaugural Best Storytelling in a Documentary Film went to LIPSTICK AND DYNAMITE, PISS AND VINEGAR: THE FIRST LADIES OF WRESTLING.

The Best Writer/Director Award went to PRIMER which was determined by jury members IFC Entertainment Vice President Caroline Kaplan and *The Kid Stays in the Picture* writer/producer/director Brett Morgen.

The NFF® announced the winner of Showtime's annual **Tony Cox Award for Screenwriting** at a lunch on the first day of festival. Jennifer Maisel was selected by the jury for her screenplay *The Last Seder*. The screenwriters' jury consisted of *Class Action* scribe Clara Bingham, award-winning journalist David Black and *Sea of Glory* author Nathaniel Philbrick. The award is named after Tony Cox, the former chairman and CEO of Showtime.

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The ninth annual NFF® will take place from June 16-20, 2004 on the picturesque Island of Nantucket, MA. For more information visit the official website at www.nantucketfilmfestival.org designed by Last Exit.

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