## SUPERFEST XXVI June 3 and 4, 2006 Screening Schedule La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California

SUPERFEST is presented by the Corporation on Disabilities and Telecommunication; ticket price=\$5-\$20/day sliding scale and will only be sold at the door. On Sun., June 4, screenings will be followed by a free "Meet the Makers" reception and Awards Event (6-9 p.m.)

EVENT NOTES: The venue is wheelchair accessible. Please refrain from wearing perfume or other scented products. The films will be audio described. Braille and large print screening schedules provided at the event. American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters provided at the reception and awards event. ASL will be provided at the film screenings if requested (call 510-845-5576) by Friday, May 12. Captioned films have a [C] after the description.

## Saturday, June 3, 12:30-5 p.m.

- 12:30 Are the Kids Alright? (56 min.) Merit Award [U.S.] Producers: Karen Bernstein, Ellen Spiro. This powerful and informative documentary takes an alarming look at the threadbare U.S. mental health system, particularly in responding to children and adolescents from minority groups or in high risk situations.
- 1:40 The Man Who Couldn't Dance (11 min.) Achievement Award [New Zealand] Producer: Jan Haynes. A brilliantly performed farce that arrives at Monty Pythonesque solutions to the ballroom aspirations of a man without legs. An outrageous and hilarious riff on "recreation for the handicapped."
- 2:00 39 Pounds of Love (74 min.) Merit Award [U.S.] Producer: Dani Menkin A documentary with animation that centers on the international road trip of an Israeli who wants to see the world and also confront the U.S. doctor who told his mother he would not survive childhood.
- 3:30 Georgian Song (4 min.) Outstanding P.S.A. Award [Georgia] Producer: Cultural Disability Center, Tanadgoma. Music video featuring dozens of lively singing, dancing school children shown nationally to encourage Georgian schools (once part of the old U.S.S.R.) to become more inclusive.
- 3:40 The Third Parent (6 min.) Emerging Artist Award [U.S.] Producer: Christina Frenzel A sneak-preview, this is an impassioned, intimate and gritty documentary short about a teenager's conflicting feelings of responsibility for a younger, autistic brother.
- 3:50 I'm Spazticus (30 min.) Achievement Award [U.K.] Producers: Jamie O'Leary, Richard Hague. A politically incorrect, laugh-out-loud funny British "Punk'd" style television special with disabled pranksters making fun of the assumptions and prejudices of an unsuspecting public.
- 4:30 Wood Diary (16 min.) Best of Festival [U.S.] Producer: David Edwin Meyers An artistic dreamlike interpretation of the life of Walker Woods, an isolated rural artist with a disability, who created haunting wood figures. A shimmering reflection on the beauty of ritual and the power of unconditional love and commitment.

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## Sunday, June 4, 12:30-5 p.m.

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- 12:30 Braindamadj'd...Take II (50 min.) Excellence and Spirit Awards [Canada] Producer: Jonathan Finkelstein. This bold, creative, unflinchingly honest documentary takes us inside a man's intense, uphill journey to recover and reclaim his life after an accident resulting in a severe brain injury.
- 1:35 One Strong Arm (19 min.) Achievement Award [U.S.] Producers: Loren Mendell, Tiller Russell. A Central Valley "Rocky" story about a teenager who works out until he's got one arm strong enough to be a contender in mainstream arm wrestling matches. Inspiring in the best sense of that word.
- 2:00 Escape Velocity (28 min.) Merit Award [U.S.] Producer: Scott Ligon This quirky, animated autobiographical portrait gives viewers an inside looking out taste of life with attention deficit disorder.
- 2:40 Abnormally Funny People (45 min.) Merit Award [U.K.] Producers: Jane Stephenson, Simon Minty. A documentary about five comedians with disabilities under high stress as they put together a show for the demanding and unforgiving Edinburgh Fringe Festival. [C]
- 3:35 Equilibrium (4 min.) Pamela K. Walker Award [U.S.] Producer: Adrean Mangiardi A powerful and provocative artistic short that explores the chaos and cacophony of input that can result from moving from a non-hearing to a hearing world because of cochlear implants or the adjustment to hearing aids.
- 3:45 About Love (25 min.) Excellence Award [Russia] Producer: Tofik Shakhverdiev A humorous, unsentimental series of interviews of Moscow schoolchildren with disabilities about their surprisingly rich love lives. A charming and engaging look at life from the philosophical vantage point of some already wise Russian gradeschoolers. [C]
- 4:20 Nectar (16 min.) Merit Award [U.K.] Producer: Abigail Davies With glorious cinematography and exquisite attention to detail, established British Director Liz Crow weaves a poignant tale of love involving a deaf, champion swimmer in the early 20th century who struggles to make his own life decisions against a tide of public expectations. [C]
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6:00-9:00 "Meet the Makers Reception" and Awards Ceremony (Free)

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