SUPERFEST XXVI June 3 and 4, 2006 Screening Schedule  
La Peña 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.


4:30 Wood Diary (16 min.) Best of Festival [U.S.] Producer: David Edwin Meyers  

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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 schoolchildren. [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]

4:40   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.

6:00-9:00 “Meet the Makers Reception” and Awards Ceremony (Free)

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