

LUCIEN JEAN-BAPTISTE'S *LA PREMIÈRE ÉTOILE* CROWNED AT THE MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL BLACK FILM FESTIVAL

AWARD WINNERS

Montreal, October 1, 2009 – What a start for the Montreal International Black Film Festival, a festival marked by unforgettable moments, such as the memorable meeting with director Lucien Jean-Baptiste. The theatre was packed for his film *La Première étoile* at Cinéma du Parc, and the audience fell under the spell of this touching and inspiring story and family. It was quite natural that this film would receive the Best Fiction Feature Film award. The presence of Jimmy Jean-Louis also set the tone for the years to come. The famous Hollywood actor and star of the American series "Heroes" came to present two films at the festival: "Life Outside of Pearl" by Johnny Desarmes and the closing film "Soul Sisters" by Rahman Olagdigbolu. And let's not forget the special evening with and tribute to writer Dany Laferrière, as well as the retrospective of his films.

The Fabienne Colas Foundation is proud to announce the big winners of the first edition of the Montreal International Black Film Festival. The Festival Jury: **Benz Antoine, Pierre Noreau and Michel Noreau.**

NOMINEES FOR BEST FICTION FEATURE FILM

- Soul Sisters by Rahman Olagdigbolu
- A Winter Tale by Frances-Anne Solomon
- La Première étoile by Lucien Jean-Baptiste

The award for Best Fiction Feature Film went to **Lucien Jean-Baptiste** for "*La Première étoile.*"

NOMINEES FOR BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE FILM

- Québec, lieu de passage by Martine Asselin
- The Other Side of the Water by Jeremy Robins
- Maestro Issa by Frantz Voltaire
- Mario Benjamin by Irène Lichtenstein
- Poto Mitan by Renée Bergan
- La Couleur du temps by Danic Champoux

The award for Best Documentary Feature Film went to **Irène Lichtenstein** for "*Mario Benjamin.*"

A special mention went to **Martine Asselin** for her film "*Québec, lieu de passage.*"

NOMINEES FOR BEST FICTION SHORT FILM

- L'Autruche by Anne-Marie Dupras
- Chez Moi by Ismail Farhane
- Anbafey by Dominique Duport

The award for Best Fiction Short Film went to **Dominique Duport** for "*Anbafey.*"

NOMINEES FOR BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT FILM

- Hip hop, danse créole by Pascal Severa
- Reclaiming Peace by Michele Stephenson
- In Iddo's Place by Judith Leconte
- Lakay by Brian Lee
- Passaj by Evelyn Sylvain and Pieter Van Eecke

The award for Best Documentary Short Film went to **Michele Stephenson** for "*Reclaiming Peace.*"

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