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**PALM BEACH FILM SOCIETY ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 8TH ANNUAL
VOICES OF LOCAL FILM DURING
PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

Stunning “Tara” takes home top prize

PALM BEACH-Director Lawrence Walsh took home the top prize of “Best Picture” for his stunning film of a woman haunted by her past in TARA, during the awards ceremony April 26th at the Omphoy Hotel and Resort on Palm Beach at the conclusion of the 15th Annual Palm Beach International Film Festival. Other winners included the “Best Screenplay” and “Audience Choice Award” to Joel Barham and Nick DePalo for RISE, and “Best Director” went to film festival freshman Cliff Burgess for his tale of two criminals in THE LAST DITCH EFFORT. The awards were sponsored by FilminFlorida.com, and presented by the Palm Beach Film Society.

This year’s Voices of Local Film featured an array of unusual themes, including the disturbing tale of master and pet in GIRL IN A CAGE by Pembroke Pines director Hiu Yao, and Ken’s humorous desire for revenge against ex-girlfriend Barbie in THE BREAKUP by Elizabeth Dashiell. Capping off the evening was the full-feature film, DECEMBER, by local filmmaker Gary Dresden, a story about a man and his son with their own dreams for the future, on a collision course that will shake the foundations of their entire family.

“Every year, the Voices of Local Film has grown in the levels of professionalism in our entries, and in the enthusiasm of the entire community for our special showcase,” says current Palm Beach Film Society President, Elizabeth Dashiell. “Thanks to the years of support from Randi Emmerman and the entire Palm Beach International Film Festival organization, the Palm Beach Film Society has been able to succeed in its mission of giving a voice to our local filmmakers and the local film industry as a whole.”

The Palm Beach Film Society is dedicated to fostering the growth of filmmaking in Palm Beach County. Visit www.pbfilmsociety.org for more information.
