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### 2012 San Diego Black Film Festival Awardees Announced

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The 10<sup>th</sup> annual San Diego Black Film Festival recently wrapped-up with a record number of films being selected. "The Contradictions of Fair Hope," and "The Custom Mary," swept several categories, with Choice Skinner winning best actor. The complete 2012 awardees are announced as follows:

**Best Film** (The Contradictions of Fair Hope); **Best Drama** (Lesson Before Love); **Best Director** (S. Epatha Merkerson and Rockell C. Metcalf, Contradictions of Fair Hope) **Best Diaspora** (Ties That Bind); **Best Religious Film** (The Custom Mary); **Best Documentary** (The Contradictions of Fair Hope); **Best GLBT** (Glitterboys & Ganglands); **Best Short** (Brotherly Love); **Best Comedy** (Camp Kickitoo); **Best Actor** (Choice Skinner, Brotherly Love); **Best Cutting Edge Film** (The Custom Mary); **Filmmaker's Choice Award** (The Contradictions of Fair Hope); **Best Music Video** (Whip My Mane).

"Congratulations to all the winners and a special thanks to all the filmmakers who participated in the 2012 San Diego Black Film Festival," said Karen Willis, Director.

A trendy event, the San Diego Black Film Festival is one of the largest black film festivals in the country and is held yearly during the last week in January. Over 100 African American and African Diaspora films are screened each year. The event is considered the black and warm Sundance.

As the first major black film festival of the year, the SDBFF official selection and awardees create a lot of buzz and are coveted by numerous other film festivals throughout the year.

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