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**Thunderbird International Film Festival Awards Presented**  
*Filmmakers Partake in Sunday Social with Southern Utah Flair*

The fifth annual Thunderbird International Film Festival came to a close, with filmmakers from across the country receiving awards, as well as a small taste of Southern Utah hospitality.

The Thunderbird awards were presented on Saturday night, and were followed by a second screening of Lawrence David Foldes's film *Finding Home*. Awards granted this year are as follows:

Karl Malden Award for Excellence: Robert Beckler, for the film *Dear Jimmy*  
Native American Award: David Rick Balcorta, for the film *Don't Give Me the Finger*  
Best Professional Narrative Film: *Finding Home*  
Best Professional Documentary: *Divining the Human:  
The Cathedral Tapestries of John Nava*  
Best Professional Short: *Calogero's Day Off*  
Horizon Award, Narrative Film: *Baptists at Our Barbecue*  
Horizon Award, Documentary: *Plagues and Pleasures on the Salton Sea*  
Horizon Award, Short Film: *Unfolding*  
Best Screenplay: *William*  
Best High School Narrative Film: *The Dance*  
Best High School Documentary: *Blind Eye*

The Thunderbird Film Festival wrapped up on Sunday with a dutch-oven barbecue for the filmmakers, provided by local film supporter Dave Goddard. "It's always a pleasure getting to know the filmmakers," said Dave. "I enjoy talking 'shop' with them as I prepare food they may have never tasted and possibly never seen, such as dutch oven potatoes, BBQ ribs, and venison. I think the film festival is a great opportunity for this area."

Thunderbird is an authentic film festival showcasing student and independent films in a personal "down-home" atmosphere. The festival is comprised of three competitions: Thunderbird (main), High School, and Screenplay. The main competition divisions and categories are designed for fair adjudication. The Thunderbird Festival is hosted by Southern Utah University, and is supported by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences Communication Department and the College of Performing and Visual Arts.

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