



FOCUS FILM FESTIVAL

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FOCUS Film Festival is pleased to announce the winners of the First Annual Filmmakers' Competition: "FOCUS on Living with a Disability." The winning entries will be screened at the FOCUS Film Festival, October 22, in Chico.

Best of Festival: **THE HEALING ARTS**, 2007, 28 minutes. *Produced/Directed/Edited by: Benjamin Mayer; Executive Producers: Patricia Pedreira and Mary Kelley; with Tod Michover, Peggy Rambach, and Michelle Pearson.* (\$500 award sponsored by Union Bank of California)

Spirit of the Festival: **PHOENIX DANCE**, 2007, 22 minutes. *Director: Karina Epperlein; with Homer Avila, Alonzo King and Andrea Flores.* (\$300 award sponsored by Richard C. Robertson)

Best of Category, Documentary: **EDGES OF PERCEPTION**, 2007, 14 minutes. *Director: Eric Kutner; with Jessica Perk and family.* (\$200 award sponsored by Parent Infant Program)

Best of Category, Drama: **THE MIRACLE**, 2007, 29 minutes. *Writer/Director: Jeffrey Jon Smith; Executive Producers James Aull and Jeffery Jon Smith; Producer: Jerry Prochazka; Cast: Tekki Lomnicle.* (\$200 award sponsored by We Care A Lot Foundation)

Best of Category, Experimental: **SHADOW OF THE ARTIST**, 2008, 6:26 minutes. *Produced/Directed by Jaimal Guynn; Editors: Jaimal Guynn and John Bensch; Technical and Conceptual Advisor: John Bensch.* (\$200 award sponsored by Far Northern Regional Center)