

## 2010 WPA Film Festival Winners

The WPA Film Festival this year was under the direction of Carrie M. Margolin; the projectionists were Chloe Stamper and Ronald Goodwin, all from The Evergreen State College. As at previous conventions, we asked each person viewing a film to rate its overall quality, using a 5-point scale ranging from 1 (*Very Poor*) through 5 (*Very Good*). A majority (87%) of the films received *Good* (4) to *Very Good* (5) average ratings and the overall mean rating was 4.44. The top two films received mean ratings of 4.83 to 4.94; these were designated as our Film Festival Winners for their exceptional quality. If you missed these two outstanding films at the Film Festival, you will have another chance to see them during a special encore presentation at the 2011 WPA Convention:

### **In Search of Memory (95 mins)**

*In Search of Memory* is a compelling blend of autobiography and history that recounts the life of one of the most important neuroscientist of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Nobel Prize winner Dr. Eric Kandel, and illuminates scientific development in our understanding of the brain's role in recording and preserving memory. In revisiting the people, places and objects of Kandel's lifetime experiences, *In Search of Memory* reveals how everything we undergo changes the brain, even our genetic make-up, and determines the focus of a life's work.

*Icarus Films (2008, DVD). Rental Price \$150; Purchase Price \$440*

### **The Yes Men Fix the World (87 mins)**

*The Yes Men Fix the World* is a screwball true story about two political activists who, posing as top executives of giant corporations, lie their way into big business conferences and pull off the world's most outrageous pranks. From New Orleans to India to New York City, armed with little more than cheap thrift-store suits, the Yes Men squeeze raucous comedy out of all the ways that corporate greed is destroying the planet. Bruno meets Michael Moore in this gut-busting wake-up call that proves a little imagination can go a long way towards vanquishing the Cult of Greed. Who knew fixing the world could be so much fun?

*Bullfrog Films (2009, DVD, VHS). Rental Price \$95; Purchase Price \$295*

## WPA Film Festival Ratings

Due to the interest that WPA members have shown in obtaining information about the quality of each film shown at the convention, the mean ratings are listed below for the films, grouped according to content area. Please note that completion of the rating form was completely voluntary, and not all viewers chose to turn in the form. Consequently, a few of the films were rated by a small number of viewers (indicated below with a \*); for statistical considerations those were not eligible to be designated as Winners (even with high ratings). Our previous year's Film Festival winners were shown at a special encore presentation this year. Although highly rated once again, they were also not eligible to be Film Festival Winners.

1 = *Very Poor*    2 = *Poor*    3 = *Fair*    4 = *Good*    5 = *Very Good*

<b>Name of Film</b>	<b>Length (Min)</b>	<b>Distributor</b>	<b>Mean Rating</b>
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### PSYCHOLOGY OF RACE

Herskovits At The Heart of Blackness	57	California Newsreel	4.42
Blacking Up: Hip Hop's Remix of Race in America	57	California Newsreel	4.47

### VIOLENCE

Crips and Bloods: Made in America	83	Bullfrog Films	4.43
Roots of Violence: Developing a Coherent Narrative about Violence	60	The Glendon Association	4.75

### POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

Soldier's Heart	54	Icarus Films	3.29
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### AGING, DEATH & DYING

Lick Salt: A Grandson's Tale	58	Filmmaker's Library	3.67*
Last Rights: Facing End-of-Life Choices	56	Filmmaker's Library	4.17
Mortal Lessons	57	Icarus Films	4.00*

### ENCORE! ENCORE!

#### \*\*\*WINNERS OF THE 2009 WPA FILM FESTIVAL\*\*\*

Straightlaced - How Gender's Got Us All Tied Up	66	Groundspark	4.65
The Dhamma Brothers	76	Bullfrog Films	4.61

### FOOD ISSUES

What's on Your Plate?	76	Bullfrog Films	4.38
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### DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY: CHILDREN

Toddlers: Social & Emotional Development	26	Learning Seed	4.25
Toddlers: Cognitive Development	24	Learning Seed	4.27
My First Day at School	45	Bullfrog Films	4.00

## AUTISM

Children of the Stars	49	Icarus Films	4.42
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## BRAIN & COGNITION

The Hidden Face of Fear	53	Icarus Films	4.55
The Brain That Changes Itself: The Plasticity of the Brain	44	Filmmaker's Library	4.71
Mind in Motion	52	Icarus Films	4.50
In Search of Memory	95	Icarus Films	4.83

## ENVIRONMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

The Suzuki Diaries: Sustainability in Action	45	Bullfrog Films	4.33*
A Sense of Wonder	45	Bullfrog Films	4.00*

## LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL & TRANSSEXUAL ISSUES

A Drag King Extravaganza	43	Frameline	4.25
East / West - Sex and Politics	97	Frameline	4.46
Finding Family: Gay Adoption in the U.S.	10	Frameline	4.45
Downstream ( <i>Im Fluss</i> )	6	Frameline	3.80

## THERAPEUTIC ENDEAVORS

In Body and Soul: Sexual Therapy for the Handicapped	40	Filmmaker's Library	4.40
In My Hands: A Story of Marfan Syndrome	55	Filmmaker's Library	4.56
Oedipus in China	52	Icarus Films	4.50*

## SOCIAL ISSUES

The Yes Men Fix the World	87	Bullfrog Films	4.94
Virtual JFK: Vietnam If Kennedy Had Lived	80	Bullfrog Films	3.33*

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