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Jan Balej wins „Golden Reel Award“ at the Tiburon International Film Festival (USA)

The 7th annual Tiburon International Film Festival

(www.tiburonfilmfestival.com) announced the winners of its Golden Reel Awards on 21th March 2008 in 17 categories. Czech director Jan Balej and his feature length animated film „One Night in a City“ received the Golden Reel Award for Best Animation.

The festival seeks to provide a greater understanding of the world through film. This year 242 films from more than 90 countries were shown. Czech cinema was strongly represented – besides One Night in a City other Czech movies shown were: Little Girl Blue (Tajnosti), Marta, Roming, and The Bitch's Diary (Bestiarium). Last year the TIFF showed The Shutka Book of Records and before that Skritek, Wrong Side Up (Příběhy obyčejného šílenství), and Faithless Games (Nevěrné hry). Nevertheless, Jan Balej with One Night in a City is the first Czech filmmaker to be awarded the Tiburon international Film Festival prize.

It is not the first award for One Night in a City – a couple of weeks ago it won the Czech Lion 2007 for best art. Earlier it also received the Grand Prix in Lisbon, Portugal, and won awards in Třeboň and Bucharest. In 2007 cinema goers could see it at dozens of film festivals and at the moment it is booked to be shown in Hungary, Turkey, Singapore, Ireland, Hong-Kong and Argentina.

At the moment One Night in a City is being released in the Czech republic on DVD.

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