

Moments wins BIFF Fast Film Award

Local filmmaker Steve Baker received a valuable career boost last night after he won the annual Brisbane International Film Festival (BIFF) Fast Film Competition with his film, *Moments*, Acting Minister for the Arts Rod Welford announced today.

Moments is a gorgeous animation with a simple, yet highly effective script, both poignant and funny about the 6.5 billion moments that occurred on Earth on Wednesday 28 July 2004.

Mr Welford said he was pleased with the high standard of local films entered in the competition.

“More than 1500 people flocked to South Bank’s Suncorp Piazza to view the 15 finalists’ films and support our talented local filmmakers,” Mr Welford said.

“The competition was judged by Anne Demy-Geroe, BIFF’s Artistic Director, Julie Rigg from ABC Radio National, Martin Rejtman, Director of *The Magic Gloves* and Dean Sutherland from Cutting Edge.

“Mr Baker has won \$3000 in cash and \$5000 worth of post-production courtesy of Cutting Edge, which will help him work on his next masterpiece. Runner Up Neil Booth, Director of *A day in the life of an Overlord*, also won a cash prize of \$1500.”

BIFF continues until 8 August 2004. For further information or tickets call the BIFF hotline on 3007 3007 or visit www.biff.com.au <<http://www.biff.com.au>> .

Film lovers are encouraged to subscribe to the Festival newsletter via the website for

up-to-the-minute information on guests and programming.

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