

FEATURE FILMS

GOLDEN STAKE WINNER

Aaron's Blood – a worthy winner of the first IVFAF Feature Film Prize. An interesting twist on the vampire myth set in contemporary Arizona, appealing to both the older audience and teens – genre stretching in an understated and very clever way.

ALSO COMMENDED

Blood Sucker's Handbook: uses its low budget to great effect. An extraordinary performance from the actor playing by the vampire who is captured by the FBI, and interrogated by the local priest. Far scarier than Marilyn Manson.

The Hunted: great vampire action film, mixing laughs and scares seamlessly in a hi-octane vampire frenzy.

MOBISODES

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The Disturber – a worthy winner. A mobisode with a message – and very funny.

SILVER STAKE AWARDS

I am Here – very simple – extremely scary. Simply a great little film.

Red Chains – some really great touches in this book promotional video – great ideas, excellently executed.

Lick – an urban legend played out in a slick iPhone movie.

News Interrupted – surreally funny in an almost indescribable way.

SHORTS

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Exposure - A great analogue twist on the vampire myth in our digital world. Contained, claustrophobic and very well done. Old school while contemporary and dark.

SILVER STAKES

Something Slender – tense claustrophobic story telling – smart, simple and very scary. A classic urban legend told beautifully.

Hada – beautifully executed tense and claustrophobic little film, with great effects. A simple story, terrifyingly told. Don't show this to your kids!

The Lurhmans – if only all PSAs were this entertaining! Give Blood!

Fish Out of Water – shot on Canada's snowy wastes, a genre stretching tale, beautifully done. Leaves you wanting to know more about this extraordinary world.

Sand – hugely stylish silent movie version of an ancient story – although harking back to folk legends, a very contemporary film.

Selfie – one of the most genuinely scary short films I have ever seen.

Black Widow – if only all perfume adverts were this beautifully made and dark.

Tooth Fairy – extraordinary animation, making a child's story resonate with so many themes.

How To Rob a House – two house breakers get their just deserts.

Dare Side of the Moon – a Romanian comedy featuring two legendary Transylvanian vampires – Nosferatu and Dracula.

Drakula – hilarious Icelandic pastiche of the Dracula story – no budget, no problem - the passion and love for the myth shines through this film.

Sigilium – one man, one actor, one disturbing film, taking us on an alcohol fuelled trip trying to escape an inescapable celestial horror.