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ALMOST FAMOUS FILM FESTIVAL



Recap - 48 Hour Challenge - 2015

The 11th Annual A3F 48 Hour Short Film Challenge took place February 13-15, 2015 with 32 teams participating from Arizona, California, Iowa and New Jersey. This was the 23rd and last film challenge in its current format for the Almost Famous Film Festival.

"We have had one remarkable run," said Jae Staats, A3F Director and Founder. "It just feels like the right time to take a step back, re-energize and see if there's something else that we can bring to the valley film scene."

This year's guidelines asked the filmmakers to create 1-5 minute films using the Theme, **Something Unexpected**, a Line of Dialogue, "**I'll believe it when I see it.**" and a **Book** as the Prop where one or more characters had to open or close a book. The creative uses of these guidelines made for some very entertaining films.

The night's two most memorable moments belonged to 10 year-old Zoe Cunningham, who won Best Overall Actress, as she sprinted down to the front of the theatre to accept her award and ham it up in front of the cameras and the Brown Family who presented the **Best Script Award** in the name of their son Brock H. Brown.

"Little Zoe just lit up the room with her infectious smile and sheer excitement," recalled Jae, "and it was just a pleasure to have Jessica and her family there to give out the Brock H. Brown certificate as it carries with it such a great legacy and I know the filmmakers really cherish this award."



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"Thanks again for all of your time and efforts over the years. Even though our kids only got to participate the last two years they loved every minute of it. They also really appreciated your mentorship and providing a great role model." -- Heidi Staudenmaier



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