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**Independent Pictures Announces the Winners of the
2011 Ohio Independent Screenplay Awards (OISA)**

Cleveland, Ohio (October 2011) – Over 100 entries were received from aspiring screenwriters from Cleveland, the US and across the world for Independent Pictures' 2011 Ohio Independent Screenplay Awards contest. The contest marks the 12th Screenplay Contest for the Cleveland-based independent film and film education organization. Winners were selected for three categories: Best Screenplay; Best Northcoast Screenplay (can be set in or about northeast Ohio); and Best Voice of Color Screenplay (written by or about people of color). Winners each will receive \$500 for their talents. In addition, Independent Pictures' judging process allows for personal feedback to every writer for every entry. Past entries to the contest have been optioned while others have been produced into full-length feature films; additionally, some winning writers are now on their way to successful careers.

The 2011 OISA winners are as follows:

Best Screenplay Winner

Halfway Home by David Schroeder : A young man's paralysis has broken his spirit, and his intellectual pride is challenged as a live-in supervisor in a halfway house for the mentally disabled.

Finalist: Abraham, California by Michael Carvaines

Best Northcoast Screenplay Winner

The Voyeur by John Bengel : An ethicist/college dean with an obsession for voyeurism sees something that creates the ultimate ethical dilemma.

Finalist: Double Back by Dave Petonic

Best Voice of Color Screenplay Winner

Diamond Kings by Seth Larsen : A young phenom leaves behind his family to play professional baseball, only to be followed and then blindsided by the truths of his past.

Finalist: Esperancia by John Edward Flynt

Honorable Mention (all categories):

Christina the Astonishing by Kelly Stephenson

The Life and Afterlife of Jing Jing Wang by Jamie Read

Wright or Wrong by Brooke Elms & Glen Sanders

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