

PRESS RELEASE



Dutch Director Geert Droppers won Independent Spirit Award for Special Recommendation of the Second China International Animal and Nature Film Festival

2009, August 25th, the Second China International Animal and Nature Film Festival has closed its curtain. During the festival week, many animal and nature events were held. Guests from the globe have explored the beautiful nature and great culture of Ya'an city. Not only they have enjoyed the beautiful journey, but also they have had close contact with the giant panda. Directors and organizations from the world showed their outstanding works from their professional points of view. It has been a vision feast for the audience.

Behind every movie, there's a touching story. Dutch Director Mr. Geert Droppers have been working with sharks for nearly 10 years. He founded the Protect The Sharks Foundation 2 years ago, to better gather all shark protectors together and make great films. He submit his movie "GIMME A HUG", which is a great movie that shows us sharks are not that dangerous at all. The festival and jury were touched by his spirit, they decided to give a special recommendation award on top of the pre-determined 5 awards. Mr. Droppers has won the Independent Spirit Award of the festival. This award is to encourage him and people like him to keep working on what they are doing and acknowledge them.

The award was awarded by the founder of Animal Asia Foundation Jill Robinson and famous Jia Ni. Ms. Jill Robinson was very glad that "GIMME A HUG" has won the Independent Spirit. Because this movie has remind everyone about endangered species, and let more people learned about these species need close attention from everyone. Mr. Droppers was very excited, although there were many difficulties when he was making the film, it's all worth it. He wish that more people will pay attention to sharks and love sharks.

Appendix:

授予：《超级鼹鼠》

第二届中国·雅安熊猫·动物与自然电影周

观众最喜爱的

“最佳摄影影片”

《Super Mole》

The Most Favorite Film for Photography of the Second
China · Ya'an Panda · Animal & Nature Film Week

授予：《老胡和金丝猴》

第二届中国·雅安熊猫·动物与自然电影周

观众最喜爱的

“最佳希望影片”

《Lao Hu and His Monkey》

The Most Favorite Film for Special Hope of the Second
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授予：《伊甸园的边界：与灰熊一起居住》

第二届中国·雅安熊猫·动物与自然电影周

观众最喜爱的

《Edge of Eden: Living with Grizzlies》

The Most Favorite Film for Educational Value of the Second
China · Ya'an Panda · Animal & Nature Film Week

授予：《家园》

第二届中国·雅安熊猫·动物与自然电影周

观众最喜爱的
“最佳自然环境影片”

《Homeland》

The Most Favorite Film for Natural Environment of the Second
China · Ya'an Panda · Animal & Nature Film Week

授予：《拯救鲁拉》

第二届中国·雅安熊猫·动物与自然电影周

观众最喜爱的
“大熊猫金杯影片”

《Saving Luna》

The Most Favorite Film for Giant Panda Golden Cup of the
Second China · Ya'an Panda · Animal & Nature Film Week

授予：《拥抱我》

第二届中国·雅安熊猫·动物与自然电影周

“最佳独立精神”

Award: 《GIMME A HUG》

The Most Favorite Film for Independent Spirit of the Second
China · Ya'an Panda · Animal & Nature Film Week