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**FIRST ANNUAL LA COSTA FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES  
AWARD WINNERS**

*THE SHORT GAME* receives Jury Prize for Best Sports Feature, while *SLOMO* is honored as Best Short.

*Local filmmakers Jason Lee Phillips and Jason Lee Segal are winners of the high school competition with their short film ROUTINES.*

LA COSTA, CA (October 26, 2013) – The inaugural La Costa Film Festival ([www.lacostafilmfestival.org](http://www.lacostafilmfestival.org)) announced Saturday evening its award winners at a red carpet and gala fete that included a screening of *AT MIDDLETON*. The film’s cast members Andy Garcia, Peter Riegert, and Daniella Garcia-Lorido as well as its writer/director Adam Rodgers were in attendance at the outdoor screening and after party at the world famous Omni La Costa Resort and Spa.

**The documentary *THE SHORT GAME* took home the Jury Prize for Best Sports Feature and *SLOMO* received the prize for Best Short.** *THE SHORT GAME* follows the lives of eight of the best seven-year-old golfers in the world as they train for and compete in the World Championships of Junior Golf and delighted audiences at the festival as the opening night film. *SLOMO* is an insightful look at a neurologist who abandons his career and undergoes a radical transformation into *SLOMO*, trading his lab coat for a pair of rollerblades and his IRA for a taste of divinity.

About *THE SHORT GAME*, the jury stated, “For best feature, the jury chose a film we found funny, poignant, and beautifully executed. We liked seeing its extraordinary,

multicultural athletes, and their different approaches to the sport. The result is inspirational, uplifting, and more than a little humbling.”

About SLOMO, the jury stated, “For best short, the jury chose a film in which sport is a search for meaning in life. We liked its uncommon depiction of sport as a source of personal tranquility, without involving competition.”

The jury this year included: former Chargers NFL kicker **John Carney**; former Laker and current CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Carlsbad, **Brad Holland**; actor **William Mapother** (*Another Earth, Lost*), Academy Award winning filmmaker **Freida Lee Mock** (*Maya Lin: A Strong Vision, Anita*); and Sports Director of San Diego’s KUSI-TV, **Paul Rudy**.

The winner of the local high school competition is the short film ROUTINES, which premiered at the festival. ROUTINES was co-directed by Canyon Crest Academy senior Jason Lee Phillips and former CCA student Jason Lee Segal, who is now at Chapman University. Canyon Crest Academy will receive a cash prize from the La Costa Film Festival for its distinguished Envision Cinema program.

This year the festival showcased a diverse collection of film features, documentaries, and shorts over four days at the Omni La Costa Resort and Spa, the luxurious La Costa Cinepolis Theaters, and the spacious Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium, at the Carlsbad Dove Library next door to the Resort.

**Screenings continue on Sunday, October 27, including an encore screening of the winning short and feature at 5:00PM at the Ruby G. Shulman Auditorium. The schedule is available at [www.lacostafilmfestival.org](http://www.lacostafilmfestival.org)**

## **ABOUT THE LA COSTA FILM FESTIVAL**

Founded by La Costa residents Michael and Ruby Callihan in 2013, The La Costa Film Festival delivers a new cultural experience to North San Diego County, integrating a series of film screenings, panels, retrospectives, and gala events in celebration of the art and impact of motion pictures. All net proceeds of the festival will go to the local Boys & Girls Clubs of Carlsbad.

The annual event will showcase some of the most engaging international documentaries, narrative features, and short films of the past year and present them in a variety of unique local venues. The Opening Night Gala will feature a red carpet and a screening under the stars on the beautiful grounds of the Omni La Costa Resort and Spa. Additional screenings will be offered at the nearby, luxurious La Costa Cinepolis Theaters, as well as the spacious Ruby G. Schulman Theater, at the Carlsbad Dove Library next door to the Resort. Film enthusiasts may join in Q&As and mingle with participating filmmakers as well as celebrity guests at numerous intimate parties where all pass-holders are welcome.

For more information:

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