



## **“CONVICTION” WINS BEST PICTURE; ED BURNS TAKES BEST DIRECTOR**

### **26<sup>th</sup> Boston Film Festival Bestows Awards on Closing Night**

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**Boston, MA...** After a star-studded week filled with a compelling mix of premiering studio and independent films as well as documentaries and short films, the 26th Annual Boston Film Festival caps its successful run with an awards ceremony on Closing Night, beginning at 9:30 p.m. at Hard Rock Café in Boston.

Presenting the awards will be Boston City Council President Mike Ross and Hollywood Reporter columnist Martin Grove, a longtime film industry expert who appeared on CNN’s “ShowBiz Today” program for 12 years and CNNhd’s “The Biz” for eight years.

Photo opportunities: 6:45 p.m. on the Red Carpet at the Stuart Street Playhouse and at 9:30 p.m. Closing Night Awards Party at Hard Rock Café.

...And the 2010 winners are:

Best Film — *Conviction*

Best Documentary — *10 Mountains 10 Years*

Best Director — Ed Burns, *Nice Guy Johnny*

Best Actor — Sam Rockwell, *Conviction*

Best Actress — Leslie Bibb, *Miss Nobody*

Best Supporting Actress — Melissa Leo for her three roles in *Welcome to the Rileys*, *Conviction* and *The Fighter*

Best New Actress — Jessica Romero, *Down for Life*

Best Young Actor — Alexander Newton, *Iron Cross*

Best Ensemble Cast — *Miss Nobody*

Best Cinematography — Josh Silfen, *To Be Friends*

Best Screenplay — Rick Bieber, *The 5th Quarter*

Mass Impact Award — *World Peace and Other 4th Grade Achievements*

Eco Film — *Lurking in the Trees*

Best Short Film — *Son of None*

Best Soundtrack — Tree Adams, *Black, White and Blues*

Visionary Filmmaker Award — Joshua Newton, *Iron Cross*

Career Achievement — Roy Scheider

Patrons of the Arts — Ernie Boch, Jr.

“Iron Cross,” starring the late Roy Scheider and directed by Joshua Newton, will be the Closing Night feature film, screening at 7:15 p.m. at Stuart Street Playhouse. Scheider plays a retired New York police officer and Holocaust survivor who travels to Nuremberg to reconcile with his son after his wife’s death. But, their meeting is overshadowed by the prospect of an aging SS Commander living above the son whom his father insists murdered his entire family during World War II. Newton is being honored with the Visionary Filmmaker Award tonight.

Robin Dawson, executive director of the Boston Film Festival, will host the evening’s speaking program. Ernie and the Automatics along with James Montgomery will provide musical entertainment.

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