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Cape May Film Festival Wins 2008 NJ Statewide People's Choice Award

Joins Several Other Southern New Jersey Award Winners. A great day for the cultural organizations in Southern New Jersey!

(Cape May, NJ) The Cape May Film Festival has taken the highest honor in the statewide JerseyArts.com 2008 People's Choice Award. The first annual event hosted several categories and received thousands of votes—and Cape May Film Festival took the award for best film festival. Additionally, Cape May Jazz Festival took the top award for best music festival. Other southern New Jersey arts organizations took the award in their categories as well, including Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center and Appel Farm. Additionally, Cape May's East Lynne Theater Company won second honors in its category.

“This is a distinguished honor for all of the arts and cultural organizations in Southern New Jersey and Cape May specifically,” says Cape May Film Festival President Ed Henry, “Our Festival has been one of the longest running in the state, now it's marked as the one most valued by the art and cultural lovers in New Jersey as well.” The Cape May Film Festival won by a wide margin, more than 40% more votes than the second place winner. It comes as no surprise to Henry that the Festival has taken the prize. “Last year alone, we hosted more than two dozen films as either world or statewide film premieres,” he said. “The members of the Film Society and Festival attendees were the first to see some of these great movies for the first time ever. And the programming continues year round with movie nights and educational programming to students and at-risk youth in our region.”

JerseyArts is an outreach of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. The statewide 2008 People's Choice Award competition drew thousands of votes in 15 different categories. Details at <http://www.jerseyarts.com/awards2008/pchoice.asp>.

The Cape May Film Festival is New Jersey's premiere film festival dedicated to the support and presentation of groundbreaking works by New Jersey filmmakers. The Festival is also the region's leading educational and cultural resource for youth and adult learners interested in all facets of the cinematic experience. It is also an educational resource for at-risk youth in our region. For further program information, contact the Film Festival office at 609-884-6700 or visit them online at www.capemayfilm.org.