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And the Awards Goes To…

Film Festival Honors Filmmakers

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Lake Arrowhead, CA – The feature film **Greetings from the Shore** won Best-of-the-Best honors at the recently completed Lake Arrowhead Film Festival staged at the Lake Arrowhead Resort and Spa.

The film, directed by Greg Chwerchak, tell the story of a young girl still reeling from the death of her father, and how she spends one last summer at the Jersey Shore before heading off to college. But when her plans fall apart, Jenny Chambers (Kim Shaw) stumbled into a mysterious world of Russian sailors, high-stakes gambling, and unexpected love.

Greeting from the Shore was also named the Best feature film followed by **Under the Snow**. The second place film was Spanish language with English subtitles and lasted 95 minutes.

The June Lockhart Award went to Jackie Julio and Doug Olear for **Hold On**. The 20-minute movie also captured **Best Short Film Honors**.

Hold On, features the music of Bruce Springsteen, and is a quirky comedy about a spirited, quadriplegic physicist named Rose who goes to extreme measures in her quest for romance.

"It's amazing to receive an award for doing something you enjoy so much," Julio told the awards luncheon audience. Julio not only wrote **Hold On** but she directed the film and was the leading lady.

*The June Lockhart Film Achievement Award went to **Hold On** during the Lake Arrowhead Film Festival. Lockhart (left) watches as master of ceremonies Chris McDonald congratulates Jackie Julio on the award. (Photo by Michael P. Neufeld.)*

Actor Chris McDonald served as master of ceremonies for the fast moving awards show held in the Grand Ballroom of the Lake Arrowhead Resort.