The Museum of Modern Art Department of Film

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AWARD-WINNING STUDENT FILMS TO BE SHOWN AT MoMA DECEMBER 6 AND 7

Recipients of the eighth annual FOCUS Awards (Films of College and University Students) will be shown at The Museum of Modern Art on December 6 and 7. The screenings will take place in the Museum's Roy and Niuta Titus Theater 2.

The largest nationally judged student film competition, FOCUS received more than 600 entries this year from some 100 schools. The films to be shown at MoMA are the winners in the narrative filmmaking category; FOCUS also issues awards for documentary, animation, screenwriting, editing, sound achievement, and a special Women in Film Award. The judges for this year's narrative category were Joe Dante, Nina Foch, Michael Hausman, Randal Kleiser, and Steven Lisberger. Awards for narrative filmmaking are sponsored by Steven Spielberg's Amblin Entertainment.

The films to be screened at MoMA are: first place, Minors (Alan Kingsberg, NYU, 30 min.); second place, Five Out of Six (Daniel Taplitz, NYU, 23 min.); third place, Long Gone Charlie (David Davidson, NYU, 28 min.); fourth place, The Big Garage (Greg Beeman, USC, 18 min.); tied for fourth place, Catch the Golden Ring (Elizabeth Storer, USC, 18 min.). Elizabeth Storer also received the Women in Film Award for Catch the Golden Ring.

The presentation of the FOCUS award winners has been organized for the Museum by Jytte Jensen, Curatorial Assistant in the Department of Film. The Museum's film program is made possible in part by public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts and by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

For further information, the public may call (212) 708-9500.

SCHEDULE

Thu. 12/6   6:30 FOCUS winners: Five Out of Six/Minors/Long Gone Charlie/The Big Garage/Catch the Golden Ring. Entire program 117 min.

Fri. 12/7   3:00 Same as above.

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