



**"THE WILD GUYS", "72 FACED LIAR" AND "HARVIE KRUMPET"
TAKE TOP AWARDS AT 2004 WORLD OF COMEDY
INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

**U.K.'s "DIY Hard" Shares ZeD People's Choice Shorts Award with
Toronto's "Dermott's Quest"**

(Toronto, February 17, 2004) -- *The Wild Guys*, a new Canadian movie comedy from MVP Films, took top honours as Best Feature Film at the second annual World of Comedy International Film Festival, it was announced today by Festival Director Carla Nolan.

Also taking awards at the five-day Toronto Fest from February 11-15 were the U.K.'s *72 Faced Liar* as Best Short Film; Oscar-nominated *Harvie Krumpet* from Australia as Best Animated Short Film and *DIY Hard* and *Dermott's Quest*, co-winners of the ZeD People's Choice Shorts Award, sponsored by CBC. Toronto's *Masterpiece Monday* took an honourable mention as Best Short Film.

The Wild Guys stars the stellar ensemble cast of Kenneth Welsh ("Legends of the Fall", "Margaret's Museum"), Jackson Davies ("The Beachcombers", "Catch Me if you Can"), Hrothgar Mathews ("DaVinci's Inquest", "David Milgaard") and Lochlyn Munro ("Scary Movie"). The new Canadian comedy is adapted from the award-winning play of the same name and follows four middle-aged men on a hilarious "soul searching" journey in the wilderness for a Men's Sensitivity and Bonding Weekend. The Feature Film Award was sponsored by @Wallace Studios.

72 Faced Liar, which received its Canadian Premiere at the Festival, is the hilarious story of Terry, a young man who realizes that the only way he can remove the series of masks from his head is to apologize to everyone he has ever wronged.

2004 Academy Award Nominee *Harvie Krumpet*, by Australian Adam Elliot, is claymation hit straight from the Sundance Film Festival that tells the biography of an ordinary man cursed with bad luck.

ZeD People's Choice Shorts Award winner *DIY Hard* is the story of an escaped convict who holds a woman captive in her own house -- until he finds a paintbrush and begins the makeover of a lifetime. *Dermott's Quest*, from Toronto filmmakers Grimur Ardal and Grant Suave, stars Sarah Polley, Raoul Bhaneja and Paul Braunstein.

The 2004 World of Comedy International Film Festival also featured its first ever weekend Seminar Series for aspiring comedy filmmakers, writers and producers that Nolan calls "an important component of this young and growing Comedy Film Festival."

The second World of Comedy International Film Festival unspooled in Toronto from Wednesday, February 11 to Sunday, February 23, and highlighted six feature film premieres and 50 Canadian and international shorts.

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