

'Adam & Steve' and 'Hate Crime' Win Top Honors At Seventh Annual Fort Worth Gay & Lesbian International Film Fest

FORT WORTH, TEXAS (May 2005) _ The producers of Q Cinema, Fort Worth's Gay & Lesbian International Film Festival are pleased to announce the winners of their annual Q Awards, including the \$1,000 Shawn A. Moore Best Debut cash prize awarded to pictures made in Texas or by Texan filmmakers.

The four-day festival - held May 19-22 in various venues throughout Fort Worth - featured more than 40 films including three Texas premieres, 12 Southwest premieres and a world premiere along with appearances by several filmmakers, including Adam and Steve writer/director/star Craig Chester. Many of our screenings were sold-out successes and much of this year's festivities were covered live by Q Television and the Film Festival Channel.

All of the awards were chosen based on program committee panel reviews and audience ratings. And the winners are . . .



Best Gay Debut and Audience Choice
(with \$1,000 cash prize)
Hate Crime, directed by Tommy Stovall

Shot entirely on location in Dallas, this searing drama about a couple torn apart by a horrific crime becomes an engaging mystery with a surprising ending you won't see coming.

"It's been a continuous part of Q Cinema's mission to provide a home for Texas-made films because we've learned over the years that we have an amazing pool of talent in our home state," Camp says. "Tommy's film connected on a gut level with viewers who left the theater stunned, shaken and moved. I can't wait to see what he does next."

Last year's award winners included *Cowboys and Angels* (Best Gay Feature and Best Overall Feature), *Laughing Matters* (Best Lesbian Feature and Audience Favorite), *Saints & Sinners* (Best Documentary), *Drag Queen Heist* (Best Gay Comedy Short), *Breaking Up Really Sucks* (Best Lesbian Comedy Short), *Nightshadows* (Best Gay Dramatic Short), *A Woman Reported* (Best Lesbian Dramatic Short), *The Deadbeat Club* (Best Gay Debut) and *How to Pick Up Girls* (Best Lesbian Debut).