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OFFICIAL BEST OF FEST, an international posse of film curators, who through their collective film festivals and contacts manage to see the majority of the 25000 films made every year, have launched a series of “The Best Films You’ve Never Seen.” These compilations are categorized not by genre but by the experience of watching the film or the company with which you watch it. They include:

- *Award-winning films that **INSPIRE**
- *Award-winning films to make you **LAUGH**
- *Award-winning films about **REAL PEOPLE**
- *Award-winning films for **FAMILY**
- *Award-winning **CHICK FLICKS**
- *Award-winning films for **KIDS**
- *Award-winning films for **DOG LOVERS**
- *Award-winning films for a **GIRLS NIGHT IN**
- *Award-winning films for **FATHERS, SONS and BROTHERS**
- *Award-winning films about **ROMANCE**
- *Official Best of Fest **SAMPLER**

These COMPILATION GIFT SETS are in response to those millions of film fans who ask, “Where have all of the good movies gone?” Official Best of Fest’s answer is, “They’re still being made, you just need to know where to find them.” **OFFICIAL BEST OF FEST** definitely has “a bias toward Independent Films” because, as Indie Filmmaker and Founder Rick Stevenson says, “99% of Hollywood Films are already made available to the public while 99% of Indie films get ignored.” Stevenson admits, “While Hollywood does not have a monopoly on making bad films—Indies make more bad films than anybody else—there are still about 300 wonderful Indie films that do the festival circuit every year that never make it to the public. Think of a brilliant Indie film that you’ve seen—*Slumdog Millionaire*, *Pulp Fiction*, *Shawshank Redemption*—that has changed your life... and now imagine if you’d never had a chance to see that film. There are many more like it out there. You just need some help finding them.”

That is what OFFICIAL BEST OF FEST aims to do— “help a quality-starved public, junk-food fed audience get cinematic nourishment,” says Stevenson. “These films are not for everyone. Unlike studio films they are not theme-movies that have been genetically engineered to appeal to the lowest common denominator. But that’s what makes them special. That’s what gives them a ‘voice.’ That’s what speaks to the discerning viewer.”

OFFICIAL BEST OF FEST is available online at www.OfficialBestofFest.com or in select Nordstrom, Whole Foods, Deseret Book and gift stores nationally.

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Bio printed below:

Director/Writer/Producer Rick Stevenson is a Seattle native known for his work in film and television in the United States, Canada and Great Britain. Stevenson's production credits include *PRIVILEGED* (1983) starring Hugh Grant; *RESTLESS NATIVES* (1985) starring Ned Beatty; *PROMISED LAND* (1987) starring Meg Ryan and Kiefer Sutherland; *SOME GIRLS* (1989) starring Patrick Dempsey, Jennifer Connelly and Andre Gregory; and *CROOKED HEARTS* starring Jennifer Jason-Leigh, Noah Wylie, Juliette Lewis and Peter Coyote. Stevenson made his feature film directorial debut in 1995 with *MAGIC IN THE WATER*, starring Mark Harmon and Joshua Jackson. His next, widely lauded, feature film was *THE DINOSAUR HUNTER* with Christopher Plummer (1999). This was followed by *ANTHRAX* (2001) starring Cameron Daddo, David Keith, William B. Davis, and Ed Begley Jr. Most recently, Stevenson directed, co-wrote and produced *EXPIRATION DATE* (2006) starring Robert Guthrie, Dee Wallace Stone and David Keith, which has garnered 34 awards internationally. Stevenson has directed many programs for television including *ED* for NBC and his work as a director of television commercials has garnered myriad awards. In 2004, Stevenson founded **thefilmschool** with Tom Skerritt and Stewart Stern. He holds a PhD from Oxford University, a master's degree from the London School of Economics and a bachelor's degree in history from Whitman College in Washington State. Rick is married with four children.

