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**DOCNZ FILM FESTIVAL AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED**

**DOCNZ FESTIVAL 2006 is pleased to announce the finalists for this year's national & international competition.**

With the recent addition of awards for the best international as well as local entries, there are 42 films competing for the 8 awards.

With twice as many films entered in 2006 as last year, the line up promises an enlightening mix of high profile exposés and previously unreleased gems!

See below for the full list of competitors:

**National – Feature Documentary**

<b>Documentary Name</b>	<b>Director</b>	<b>Country/Year/Time</b>
Ghost Fleet	Jonathan Finnigan	NZ, 05, 94'
Piano Man	John Carlaw	NZ, 05, 70'
Changing Gears	Lisa Burd	NZ, 06, 106'
Far Off Town – Dunedin to Nashville	Bridget Sutherland	NZ, 06, 79'

**National – Medium Documentary**

<b>Documentary Name</b>	<b>Director</b>	<b>Country/Year/Time</b>
Between the Lines – The Life of Dennis Glover	Bill De Friez	NZ, 05, 46'
Touch Wood	Cosmo Kentish- Barnes	NZ, 06, 46'
Turning the Tide	Catherine Madigan	NZ, 06, 47'
4 Geese....Flock	Luke Wheeler	NZ, 06, 59'
Destiny in Motion	Peter Bell	NZ, 06, 48'
Valveman	Simon Pattison	NZ, 06, 48'
The Black Road	William Nessen	NZ/Australia, 06, 57'



### National – Short Documentary

Documentary Name	Director	Country/Year/Time
Mail Order	Zoe McIntosh	NZ, 05, 13'
Black & White	Kirsty McDonald	NZ, 06, 17'
So Far Yet So Close	Sophie Zhang	NZ, 06, 25'
Home	Echo Di Zhu	NZ, 06, 14'
Longfin	Melissa Salpietra, Lindsey Davidson	NZ, 06, 24'
Titans of the Coral Sea	Jordan Plotsky	NZ, 06, 17'

### International – Feature Documentary

Documentary Name	Director	Country/Year/Time
Silma's School	Jane Jeffes	Australia, 06, 83'
Martyr Street	Shelly Saywell	Canada, 06, 90'
37 Uses For a Dead Sheep	Ben Hopkins	UK, 05, 87'
Paper Dolls	Tomer Heymann	Israel, 06, 84'
Me & My Parents, My Parents & I	Gerrit van Elst	Netherlands, 04, 75'
A Hero's Journey	Grace Phan	Singapore, 06, 81'
How Arnold Won The West	Alex Cooke	UK/ France, 04, 80'
Hand of God	Joe Cultrera	USA, 05, 90'
The Chances of the World Changing	Eric Daniel Metzgar	USA, 05, 99'
Flock of Dodos	Randy Olson	USA, 06, 84'



## International – Medium Documentary

Documentary Name	Director	Country/year/Time
In the Tall Grass	Coll Metcalfe	Rwanda/USA, 06, 57'
Kidnapped!	Melissa Kyu-Jung Lee	Australia/Korea, 05, 52'
Blowin' in the Wind	David Bradbury	Australia, 05, 62'
Braindamadj'd...Take II	Paul Nadler	Canada, 05, 50'
Our Own Private Bin Laden	Samira Goetschel	Canada/ Switzerland, 05, 63'
Prostitution Behind the Veil	Nahid Persson	Iran/Sweden/Denmark, 04, 58'
Dialogues in the Dark	Melek Taylan	Turkey, 06, 65'
Songbirds	Brian Hill	USA, 05, 62'
Taking the Heat	Bann Roy	USA, 06, 60'
The Blood of Yingzhou District	Ruby Yang	USA/China, 06, 39'

## International - Short Documentary

Documentary Name	Director	Country/Year/Time
Santa Is Here	Christina Oer	Cambodia, 06, 3'
Nalini by Day, Nancy by Night	Sonali Gulati	India/USA, 04, 27'
Fine	Hazel Baillie	Scotland, 05, 6'
Upside Down	Astrid Bussink	Netherlands, 06, 9'
Ayla: The Tsunami Girl	Wilma Lighthart	Netherlands, 05, 15'

DOCNZ Festival Director Dan Shanan says, "The selection panel have been impressed at the calibre of entries this year, and it's been tough to decide where the cut off point is. We are all confident though that this year's selection will have something for everyone, making it even more enjoyable and successful than last year."

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