



A.P. Gonzalez Named One of Seven Jurors for The 2009 Newport Beach Film Festival

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El Béisbol producer and director, A. P. Gonzalez, joins a distinguished group of jurors for the 10th Annual Newport Beach Film Festival. Among the jurors who will pick the winners for the main categories: narrative feature, documentary feature, and narrative and documentary shorts are: actor, Thora Birch; Peabody Award winner, Richard Willis; cinematographer, Judy Irola; producer/writer, John Kuri; director/professor, Jeff McKracken and documentary director, Marina Goldovskaya.

Over the past 10 years, the vibrant festival has included the U.S. premiere of *Crash*, the winner of the 2006 Academy Award, as well as the west coast premieres of *The Illusionist*, *Waitress*, *Captain Abu Raed*, *Man Hot Ballroom*, *Spellbound*, and *Dogtown and Z-Boys*. This year's festival is the largest ever, with more than 400 films from 30 countries, being screened at a number of venues throughout beautiful Newport Beach from April 23 to 30.

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