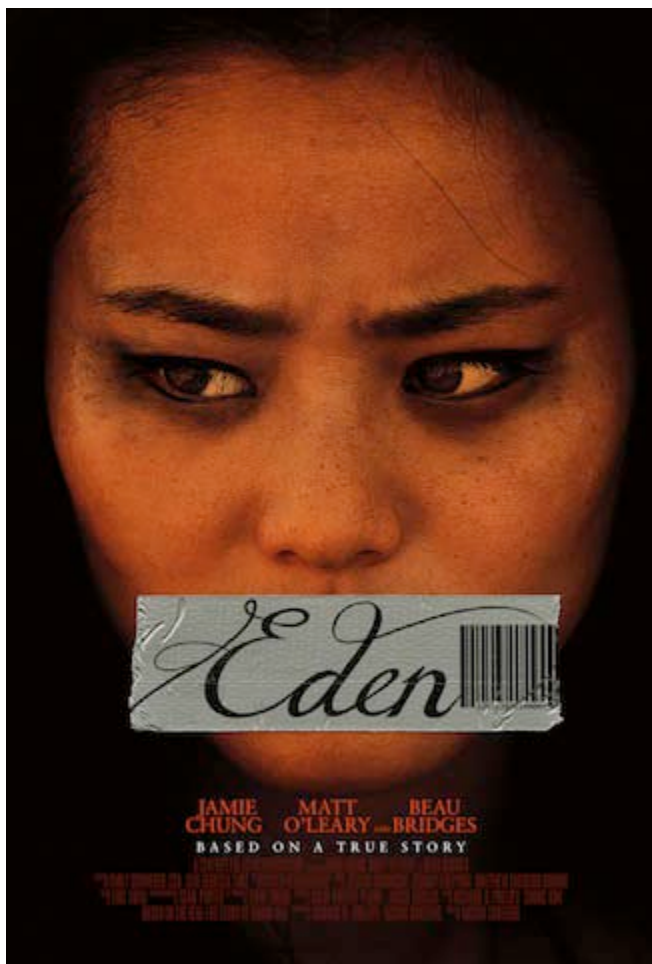


## 'Eden,' 'The Invader' and 'Five Star Existence' Take the Top Prizes at the Seattle International Film Festival



Megan Griffiths' "Eden" swept the awards at the 38th Seattle International Film Festival, which held its ceremony Sunday morning at the Seattle Space Needle.

"Eden" star Jamie Chung won the Best Actress Golden Space Needle Award, while the film also received the Lena Sharpe Award for Persistence of Vision presented by Women in Film/Seattle, as well as the Reel NW Award presented by KCTS 9.

Here's how all the 2012 SIFF awards broke down:

- The Grand Jury Prize for Best New Director went to Nicolas Provos for "The Invader," while Best Documentary went to "Five Star Existence" directed by Sonja Lindén.
- The FIPRESCI Prize for Best New American Film went to "Welcome to Pine Hill," directed by Keith Miller.

- Golden Space Needle Audience Awards went to "Any Day Now," directed by Travis Fine, for best film and Alan Cumming for best actor; "The Invisible War" directed by Kirby Dick for best documentary; Benh Zeitlin for best director, "Beasts of the Southern Wild" and "Catcam" for best short film.
- The Youth Jury Award for Best FutureWave Feature went to "Sin Bin" directed by Billy Federighi; Best Films4Families Feature was "The Great Bear" directed by Esben Toft; and the WaveMaker Award for Excellence in Youth Filmmaking (Grand Jury Prize) went to "Before the Music Ends," directed by Ashley Armitage and Gina Mattassa. The WaveMaker Special Jury Prize went to "This is My Life, Brother," directed by Jawara Drigo. The FutureWave Shorts Audience Award went to "143," directed by Mariana Emmanuelli.
- The Short Film Jury Awards went to "The Extraordinary Life of Rocky" directed by Kevin Meul, which received the Grand Jury Prize for Best Narrative Short; Grand Jury Prize for Best Documentary Short was "Paradise," directed by Nadav Kurtz. Grand Jury Prize for Best Animated Short was "Zergut," directed by Natasha Subramaniam and Alisa Lapidus.