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Tom Zubrycki Wins National Documentary Prize

Veteran Filmmaker Tom Zubrycki wins the 2010 AIDC Stanley Hawes Award. He will accept the Prize during a ceremony at the opening of the Australian International Documentary Conference (AIDC) to be held in Adelaide, South Australia from February 23 - 26.

The Stanley Hawes Award was established in 1997 to honour Stanley Hawes as first Producer-in-Chief of the Australian National Film Board and Commonwealth Film Unit and was administrated by Film Australia. The award recognises the significant support Hawes gave independent filmmakers in the documentary sector and is thus awarded to a person or organisation that makes an outstanding contribution to the documentary sector in Australia. The award is announced annually at AIDC.

In 2009 the award became the AIDC Stanley Hawes Award and is awarded by the AIDC Board. In 2009 Bob Connelly won the inaugural AIDC Stanley Hawes Award.

Tom Zubrycki is one of Australia's most celebrated documentary filmmakers. Internationally renowned for his observational style and his ability to get close to his subjects, Zubrycki's films display a high level of social engagement with the subject matter. His films radiate a sensitivity that provide valuable experiences for their audiences. Zubrycki's ability to provide an insight into our society is his main asset. His long time collaboration with editor Ray Thomas has helped develop his unique style. Zubrycki's career includes 14 films which have been honoured with multiple awards and have been screened at festivals around the world. In addition to producing and directing his own films, Zubrycki has dedicated part of his work life to mentoring emerging filmmakers.

As part of the Stanley Hawes Award, AIDC will celebrate Zubrycki's work by screening *Molly and Mobarak* and *Kemira - Diary of a Strike* as part of the F4 program.

Following the Award Ceremony on Tuesday 23 February, Zubrycki will deliver the inaugural Stanley Hawes Address.

Established in 1987, AIDC has grown from a local biennial conference with a few international guests into a significant yearly event on the international documentary calendar. The Conference is now established as the sole Australian documentary conference and has been successful in establishing a national profile. AIDC is now a prominent documentary event on the international calendar, consistently attracting key figures from the international documentary industry.

AIDC 2010 will take place from February 23 till 26 at the Adelaide Hilton, Adelaide, South Australia. www.aidc.com.au

Stanley Gilbert Hawes (19 January 1905 - 19 April 1991) was a British-born documentary film producer and director who spent most of his career in Australia, though he commenced his career in England and Canada. He was born in London, England and died in Sydney, Australia. He is best-known as the Producer-in-Chief (1946-1969) of the Australian Government's filmmaking body, which was named, in 1945, the Australian National Film Board, and then, in 1956, the Commonwealth Film Unit. In 1973, after he retired, it became Film Australia.

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