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### **Award-winning films to be featured as Official Selections at California Next Gen Film Festival.**

Sacramento, CA—The California Next Gen Film Festival is proud to showcase the films *My Name is Lisa* and *When the World Goes Dark* as Official Selections at the first annual festival to be held August 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium.

*My Name is Lisa*, a film about a teenage daughter struggling to cope with her mother's Alzheimer's disease, won the 2007 YouTube Award for Best Short Film and will be featured as part of the festival's Narrative Shorts Showcase. The film's director Ben Shelton will be taking part in an informative Q&A session with the audience on Saturday August 30<sup>th</sup>.

*When the World Goes Dark*, an animated film by Anthony P. Scalmato about one man's struggle with madness and love set in the underground universe of the New York City subway system, received a 2008 Academy Award from the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences College TV Awards. Scalmato also won a Student Emmy as 2<sup>nd</sup> place animation and won the Humanitarian Award presented in all categories. The film will be featured as part of NGFF's Digital Animation Shorts program.

Sponsors of the film festival include: Christie Digital, VMI, Comcast, Advantage Presentations, Men's Wearhouse, JG & Associates, AEGIS Medical Systems, Silverado, The Howard Agency, Current TV, Production Hub, Metro Hub Network, Sacramento News and Review, Minas Media, Core Care Macintosh Support Specialties, and Studio 24.

Visit our website to purchase tickets and to view a full schedule of our event [www.nextgenfilmfest.org](http://www.nextgenfilmfest.org). (The NGFF is a non-profit organization)

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