LOS ANGELES, November 29, 2010 — The winners of five of The International Documentary Association’s 2010 IDA Documentary Awards were announced today by IDA Executive Director Michael Lumpkin. All five will receive their awards during a gala ceremony at the Director’s Guild Theater on December 3, along with a number of additional winners whose awards will be announced that night.

The IDA Awards announced today include:

The IDA Pare Lorentz Award, in homage to the pioneering filmmaker’s legacy, to Lucy Walker for WASTE LAND, which follows artist Vik Muniz on a transformative journey from his home base in Brooklyn to his native Brazil and the world's largest garbage dump, Jardim Gramacho. Taggart Siegel and Jon Betz received an honorable mention in this category for QUEEN OF THE SUN: WHAT ARE THE BEES TELLING US?

The IDA Music Documentary Award to Jim Bigham & Mark Moorman for FOR ONCE IN MY LIFE, which explores the struggles and triumphs of a unique band of 28 singers and musicians who have a wide range of mental and physical disabilities, as well as musical abilities that extend into ranges of pure genius.

The IDA ABCNEWS VideoSource Award, for best use of archival news footage, to Duane Baughman and Johnny O’Hara for BHUTTO, their riveting look at the world's first woman to lead a Muslim nation.

The 2010 IDA HUMANITAS Award for films that strive to unify the human family will honor the makers of two films in a rare tie: Laura Poitras for THE OATH, her engaging story about two men whose fateful encounter set them on a journey that would lead to Osama bin Laden, 9/11, Guantanamo, and the U.S. Supreme Court; and Roberto Hernández and Geoffrey Smith for PRESUMED GUILTY, a film created by two young Mexican attorneys who attempt to exonerate a wrongly convicted man by making a documentary.

The prestigious David L. Wolper Student Documentary Achievement Award, in recognition of the next generation of documentary filmmakers, to San Francisco State University graduate student Oscar Bucher for WAITING FOR A TRAIN: THE TOSHIRO HIRANO STORY, the remarkable true story of a native Japanese and now San Francisco resident, Toshio Hirano, whose life is transformed by the music of country musician Jimmie Rodgers. An honorable mention in the Student Documentary category goes to University of California, Berkeley School of Journalism student Bagassi Koura for him film THE STINKING SHIP.

Presenters for this year’s Awards will include musician Stewart Copeland, "Law and Order: SVU" executive producer Neal Baer, Current Media’s Mariana van Zeller, producer and filmmaker Mark Wolper and producer, director and actress Cecilia Peck.
This year’s IDA Documentary Awards, hosted by documentary producer, director Morgan Spurlock and honoring the legendary Barbara Kopple, are sponsored by The Economist, ESPN Films, Current, HBO Documentary Films, OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network, Documentary Channel, ABC News VideoSource, Brazilian Consulate of Los Angeles, ITVS, Moriah Films, POV, Sundance Channel, USC School of Cinematic Arts, Chainsaw Productions, DGA, Kodak, Pithy Little Wine Company, Monster, Stella, The Standard and Veev.

Tickets for the 2010 IDA Documentary Awards are available for purchase now at www.documentary.org/awards2010.

ABOUT IDA
The IDA is a nonprofit, membership organization based in Los Angeles. The organization was founded in 1982 to promote and celebrate nonfiction filmmakers and is dedicated to increasing public awareness and appreciation of the documentary genre. For more information about IDA visit www.documentary.org or call 213-534-3600.

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(A list of winners follows)
2010 IDA DOCUMENTARY AWARDS WINNERS – PARTIAL LIST

IDA Pare Lorentz Award

Waste Land
Director/Writer: Lucy Walker
Producers: Angus Aynsley, Hank Levine
Executive Producers: Fernando Meirelles, Miel de Botton Aynsley, Andrea Barata Ribeiro, Jackie De Botton
Arthouse Films, Almega Projects Ltd., O2 Filmes, Entertainment One Films International

HONORABLE MENTION
Queen of the Sun: What Are the Bees Telling Us?
Director: Taggart Siegel
Producers: Jon Betz, Taggart Siegel
A Collective Eye Production

IDA Music Documentary Award

For Once In My Life
Directors: Jim Bigham, Mark Moormann
Producer: Jim Bigham
Executive Producer: Lourdes Little
Big Blue Box Productions

ABCNEWS VideoSource Award

Bhutto
Director/ Producer: Duane Baughman
Director/ Writer: Johnny O’Hara
Producers: Arleen Sorkin, Mark Siegel
Executive Producers: Glenn Aveni
Yellow Pad Productions in association with ICON TMI

IDA HUMANITAS Award (tie)

Presumed Guilty
Directors: Roberto Hernandez and Geoffrey Smith
Producers: Layda Negrete, Roberto Hernandez, Martha Sosa, Yissel Ibarra
Executive Producers: Ernesto Canales, Ana Laura Magaloni, Layda Sansores & Luciana Kaplan

The Oath
Director/Producer/Director of Photography: Laura Poitras
ITVS, POV/American Documentary, Praxis Films, Zeitgeist Films

IDA David L. Wolper Student Documentary Award
Waiting for a Train: The Toshio Hirano Story
Director/Producer: Oscar Bucher
OB3 Studios, San Francisco State University

HONORABLE MENTION
The Stinking Ship
Director/Producer: Bagassi Koura
University of California Berkeley