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## Independent British Film Wins Prestigious International Award



Carey Films' second feature film, *A MIND OF HER OWN*, which recently screened in the Marché du Film in Cannes and was subsequently invited to screen to an audience of international film buyers at the London UK Film Focus has now won a coveted Crystal Heart Award from the Heartland Film Festival in America.

Chosen from over 550 films submitted, *A MIND OF HER OWN* will screen twice a day at the festival in Indianapolis in October where the film's writer/director, Owen Carey Jones, will be presented with the award at the Gala Dinner which is the highlight of the festival.

In addition to the Crystal Heart statue, the award includes a cash prize of \$4,000 and the film will also compete with five other films for the Grand Prize of \$50,000 with the winner to be announced at the festival.

Speaking about the award, Owen Carey Jones said: "I couldn't be more pleased. It is always nice to have your work appreciated and the award should ensure that the film receives wide distribution and is seen by many people."

Inspired by a true story, *A MIND OF HER OWN* tells the poignant and moving story of Sophie, whose dream of becoming a doctor is obstructed by the fact that she is severely dyslexic. But Sophie, encouraged by her closest friend, Becky, has never been one to give up and, despite being advised by parents and school teachers to be realistic and pursue something less academic, she remains determined to achieve her ambition and refuses to settle for anything less.

"I hope that the film will encourage the one in twenty people who are dyslexic to go on to achieve their full potential and not allow themselves to be written off as slow or lazy just because they have difficulty reading," said Owen.

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