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## **Local Filmmaker Wins Best Director of a Documentary at Flagler Film Festival**

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*Local filmmaker, Stewart Lippe, wins  
Best Director Award for his documentary "A Good Short Life"*

Tampa, FL (January 2015) – Tampa resident, Stewart Lippe, was awarded Best Director of a Documentary for his film, ***A Good Short Life***, at the Flagler Film Festival. The festival was held January 9-11, 2015 in Palm Coast, Florida. Lippe has made six documentary films and worked on a number of commercial feature films. Two such feature films include famed Florida filmmaker Victor Nunez's *Ruby in Paradise* and *Ulee's Gold*.

*A Good Short Life* documents the life and times of Dudley Clendinen. Dudley was a journalist for The St. Petersburg Times, the New York Times, an author (*Out for Good, A Place Called Canterbury*), an art collector, and an analyst of the gay rights movement. He personally experienced and chronicled gay life in a society opposed to homosexuality. He contracted ALS in the prime of life. This film reveals his inspirational efforts to finish his last book as he struggles to "live with Lou" (ALS).

"I was intrigued by the challenge of making a film about someone who, at the point that I started the project, was unable to be understood due to ALS," Lippe says. "[Clendinen] had done some interviews for WYPR in Baltimore at the onset of the disease the previous year, and they generously gave me permission to use them. These interviews were his 'voice,' and I built his life, times and history around the interviews. What started as a simple documentary quickly became a complex, in-depth look at an individual whose personal life was a fascinating reflection of a civil rights movement. And as that life was being terminated by ALS, he was working desperately to finish the book that chronicled his experiences of dying."

The film was also accepted by the Wild Rose Film Festival in Iowa and Stewart won Distinctive Achievement Award for the documentary and as well as for editing. The film is supported by the Florida Chapter of the ALS Association. For more information contact Melissa Mabe via email at [sjlfilmsandphotos@gmail.com](mailto:sjlfilmsandphotos@gmail.com) or by phone at (813) 918-2290.

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