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**THE MILLBURY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE  
IS PROUD TO PRESENT**

The poster features a central movie screen framed by red curtains. On the screen, the text reads "MILLBURY BICENTENNIAL 1813 • 2013" with a small graphic of a building above "MILLBURY". Below this, it says "A Rich History • An Exciting Future" and "SHORT FILM FESTIVAL" in large, stylized letters. To the left of the screen is a grey stone clock tower with a spotlight beam shining from its top onto a film reel. A film strip winds around the reel and across the bottom of the screen. Below the screen, a silhouette of an audience is visible. At the bottom right, the text "Monday, June 10, 2013" is displayed above the logo for "THE ELM DRAUGHT HOUSE CINEMA". Below the logo is the address "35 Elm Street, Millbury".

**Fan Voting for  
People's Choice Award  
on YouTube®**  
[www.youtube.com/millburysortfest](http://www.youtube.com/millburysortfest)  
**Voting open NOW**  
**Closes at 12:01 p.m. Saturday 6/8**  
**"View" a film to vote!**

**Monday, June 10, 2013**  
**THE ELM DRAUGHT HOUSE CINEMA**  
**35 Elm Street, Millbury**  
**Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.; Screening & Awards at 7:00 p.m.**  
**~ Free Bicentennial Event open to all ~**  
**Concession Stand open for sale of popcorn, snacks & drinks**

MILLBURY, MA – The red carpet was rolled out this past Monday evening at the Elm Draught House Cinema on Elm Street in Millbury for the Millbury Bicentennial Short Film Festival. The distinguished audience, which included Town Selectmen, local business owners, Bicentennial Committee members, and the friends and family of the filmmakers, viewed a total of six films submitted for consideration in the festival. Genre's included comedy, reality, fantasy, horror, and drama and films were submitted by filmmakers ranging in age from 7 to 21 years.

A total of five awards were given, including the Grand Prize for Best Picture. A creative story, clever camera angles, excellent editing, and all-around originality were the criteria used to determine the winners.

- Evan Welch of Sutton took home the Best Picture Award with his 3:24 minute film, “The Next Adventure”. A group of young boys set off as swashbuckling pirates; and their imaginations get away from them.
- Mike Borowski of Millbury won the 6-12 year old age category with his 1:31 minute film, “The Portal”. A video game player is sucked into a portal where she has to complete a life-size version of her game.
- Nickie and Thomas Machacz of Millbury won the 13-18 year old age category with their 2:54 minute claymation film, “Good Marnin’”. TM Cool Guy's morning routine .... that's it.
- Anthony Bisceglia of Millbury won the 19+ age category with his 7:28 minute film, “Terminatio”. A short film about one man's quest and determination to find what makes him happy.
- Christopher Sherman of Sutton won the People’s Choice Award with his 8:09 minute film, “The Hike”. A group of friends go for a hike in the woods, but everything goes wrong when one of the friends goes missing.

In an exciting use of social media, all films submitted were uploaded to the Millbury Bicentennial Short Film Festival YouTube® page for peer review. Filmmakers were encouraged to share the page with their friends and family, as the film with the most “views” would win the coveted People’s Choice Award. In an astounding tribute to their persistence and perseverance, the YouTube® page registered over 1200 hits/views in less than a week and the winner of the People’s Choice Award received 316 views by the time voting officially closed last Saturday. We are still generating hits this week!

All our entries are still available for viewing at the YouTube® website: [www.youtube.com/millburyshortfest](http://www.youtube.com/millburyshortfest). The winner of Best Picture will have the privilege of seeing their film on the big screen at the Elm Draught House before the feature film for the next week.

The film festival was a year in the planning and was led by Cynthia Burr and Christopher Mahan, Co-Chairs. Other members included Sharon Anderson, Jeffrey Coons, Roger Desrosiers, Jeffrey Dore, Kevin Krassopoulos, John Loehmann, Elizabeth Osborne, Robert Osborne, Jim Perry, Jamie Rembiziowski, and Maryann Yaghoobian.

In many ways this committee was a virtual one; much of our collaboration and deliberation was done via the world wide web. In addition to the Festival entrants’ films, we were pleased to screen three films edited by our own committee member, Jeff Coons. Jeff is a Millbury resident and a recent graduate of Emerson College with a major in Film. He has been a great help to us all while living currently in Germany. He never made it to a single meeting, but was instrumental in refining our guidelines.

## **ABOUT THE MILLBURY BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

The Millbury Bicentennial Committee, formed in 2008, has highlighted the historic significance of the Town's 200 year history throughout a year-long celebration for all residents. This celebration began in June of 2012 and will culminate in July of 2013. Residents, organizations, and businesses have been encouraged to participate in events and/or donate to the cause. This special anniversary provides an opportunity to celebrate Millbury's history and heritage and to foster a sense of pride in our community. Join us as we celebrate the rich history and the amazing contributions of the individuals and organizations that have made Millbury what it is today. [www.Millbury2013.com](http://www.Millbury2013.com)