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There was a considerable upset at the 23rd edition of the **Thailand National Film Awards** this week as the **independent films MARY IS HAPPY, MARY IS HAPPY** and **TANG WONG** stormed the mainstream opposition, coming away with a staggering **four Golden Swan trophies** each, while the hotly tipped blockbuster **PEE MAK** left almost empty handed.

The **Subhanahongsa Awards** for **Best Picture**, **Best Director** and **Best Screenplay** went to **TANG WONG** and writer director **Kangdei Jaturanasmee**. The film focuses upon four Thai schoolboys immersing themselves in traditional culture in exchange for their prayers being answered at a holy

shrine. **Nutthasit Kotimanuswanich**, one of the film's young stars, came away with best supporting actor. The film premiered at last year's **Berlin International Film Festival** and has since screened at the **Hong Kong International Festival** and maintained a Thai theatrical run.

The Thailand National Film awards for best actress and **best supporting actress** went to **Patcha Poonpiriya** and **Chonnikan Netjiu** for their role as inseparable friends in **MARY IS HAPPY, MARY IS HAPPY**, the unusual story of a disaffected boarding school attendee and was based upon **410 consecutive messages** from a real-life Bangkok schoolgirl's **Twitter feed!**

Other award winners on the night included Tony Jaa's 3D martial-arts action movie **TOM-YUM-GOONG 2**, which received two awards – visual effects and sound.

Former Federation president **Jaruek Kaljaruek**, an executive at the Kantana studio, was given the **Lifetime Achievement Award**.

The full list of winners is as follows:

Best Picture: Tang Wong

Director: Kongdej Jaturanrasmee, Tang Wong

Screenplay: Kongdej Jaturanrasmee, Tang Wong

Actor: Nadech Kugimiya, Koo Kam

Actress: Patcha Poonpiriya, Mary Is Happy, Mary Is Happy

Supporting Actor: Nutthasit Kotimanuswanich, Tang Wong

Supporting Actress: Chonnikan Netjui, Mary Is Happy, Mary Is Happy

Cinematography: Pairach Khumwan, Mary Is Happy, Mary Is Happy

Film Editing: Chonlasit Upanigkit Mary Is Happy, Mary Is Happy

Recording and Sound Mixing: Ram Indra Sound Mixing Studio, Tom-Yum-Goong 2

Original Song: "Yuewya", Cin Thosaporn Achawanantakul, Last Summer

Original Score: Chatchai Pongprapapan, Jan Dara: The Finale

Art Direction: Akradej Kaewkote, Pee Mak Phra Khanong

Costume Design: Vorathon Krisanakalin, Koo Kam

Makeup: Arporn Meebangyang, Thongsuk 13

Visual Effects: Surreal Studio Company and Thossaporn Poonnart, Tom-Yum-Goong 2

Lifetime Achievement Award, Jaruek Kaljaruek

Popular Vote Awards: actor Nadech Kugimiya and actress Suthata Udomsilp

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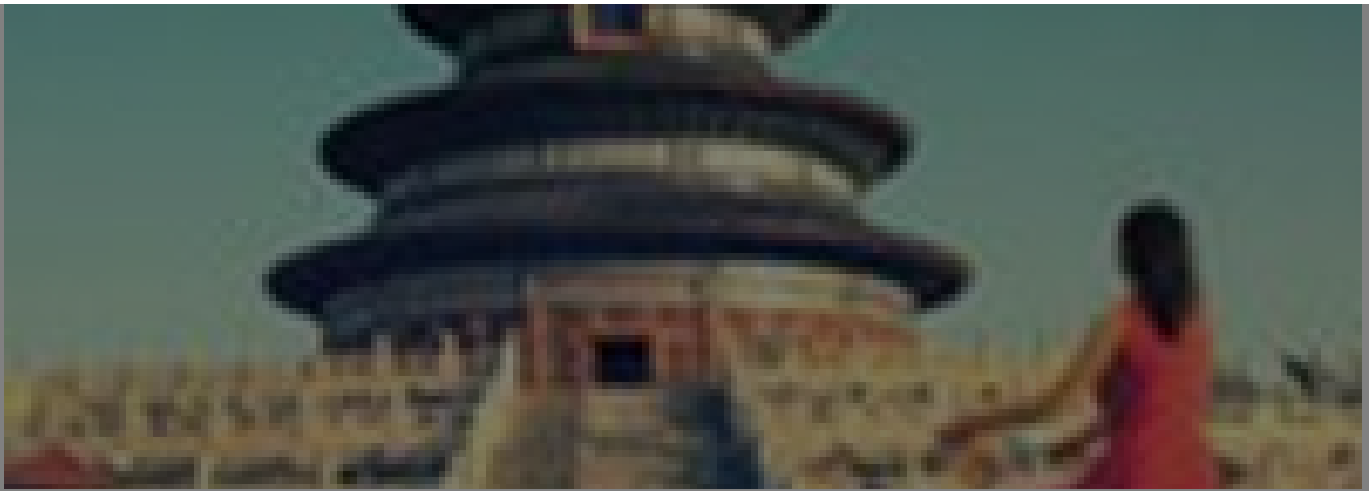


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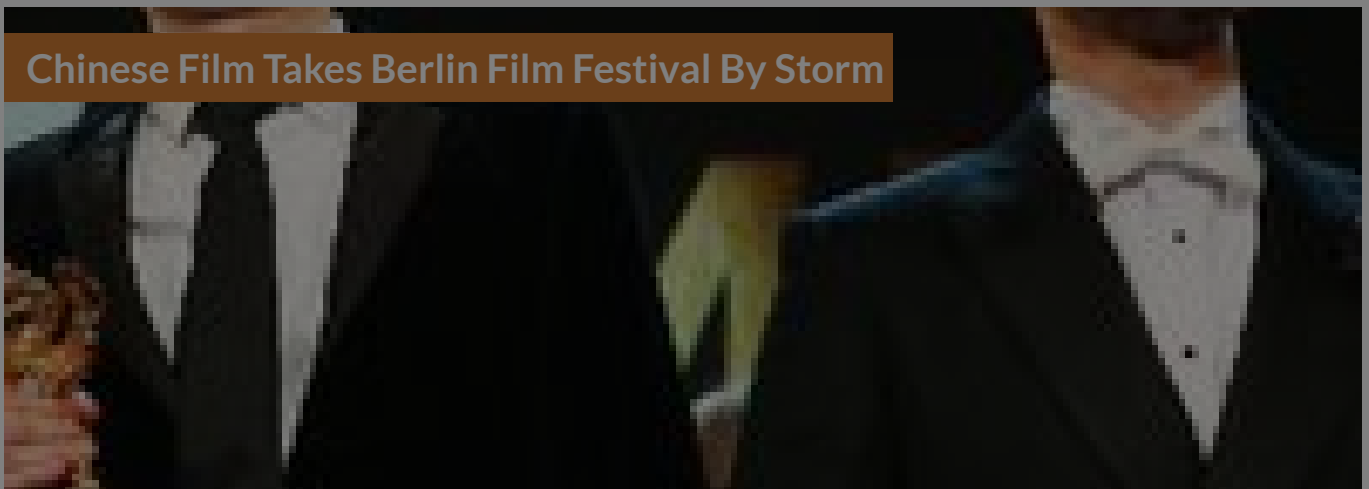
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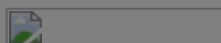


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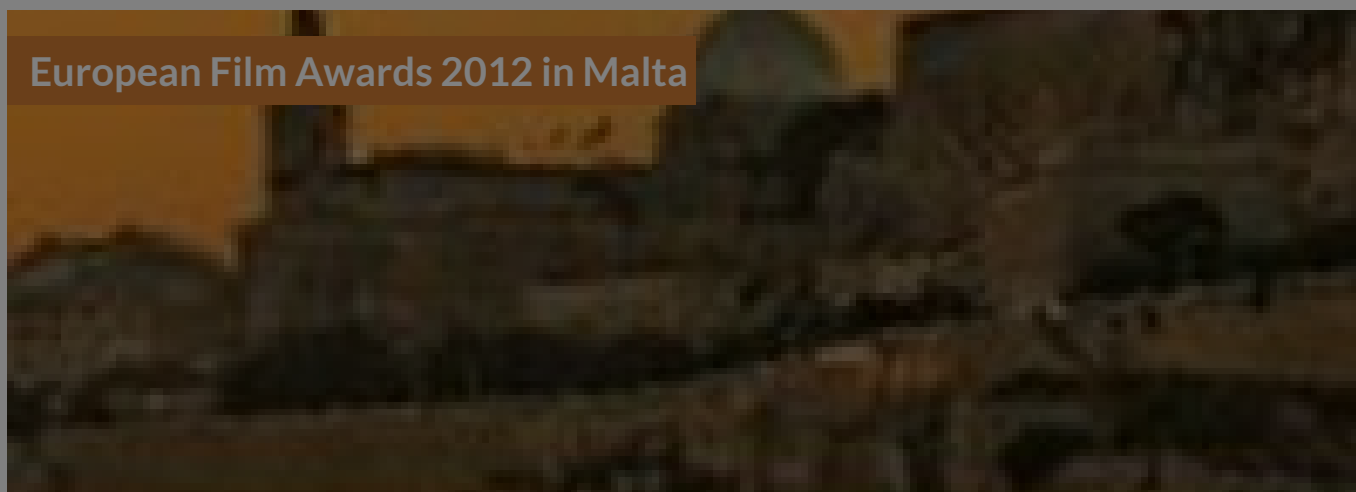
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