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***Orchids: My Intersex Adventure* takes out the coveted Best Documentary (General) category at the ATOM Awards ceremony in Melbourne, Australia last night.**

Produced and directed by Queensland-based filmmaker Ms Phoebe Hart, the autobiographical documentary candidly examines the shame and secrecy surrounding her intersex condition (also known as a 'hermaphrodite' or a disorder of sexual development).

"The film is a world first in many ways," says Hart. "This is a long form film about intersex by someone who has intersex. It's personal and confronting but, at the same time, a very funny expose of what it's like to have this body."

"I'd like to acknowledge the other finalists, the ATOM Awards jury, my ABC Executive Producer Amanda Duthie, Creative Consultant for Screen Australia Karin Altmann, the team at Screen Queensland, and everyone else involved."

Consultant producer Mr Faramarz K-Rhaber was at the awards ceremony to accept the honour on the behalf of Ms Hart.

"I felt proud to be involved with this very brave film and its production team," says K-Rhaber. "I'm sure we will all be hearing much more about *Orchids* soon as it is just about to get out to other film festivals and broadcasters around the world."

*Orchids: My Intersex Adventure* beat four other finalists to take the award.

Screen Queensland and Screen Australia financed the documentary, which is a JTV Doc ABC/Screen Australia initiative produced in association with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. The international sales agent for the project is First Hand Films of Switzerland and Germany.

Tickets are now on sale for the world premiere screening of *Orchids: My Intersex Adventure* at the Brisbane International Film Festival, Saturday 6 November 2010 at 5:00pm.

For more information about *Orchids: My Intersex Adventure* contact **hartflicker Moving Pictures'** Media Liaison Officer on **+61 (0)405 143 086** or email your query to **info@hartflicker.com**. Further information and an electronic press kit can be found at **www.orchids-themovie.com**

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## **ATOM AWARD 'BEST DOCUMENTARY (GENERAL)' FINALISTS**

NEW BEIJING: Reinventing a City  
Georgia Wallace-Crabbe  
Film Projects Pty Ltd  
NSW

Lionel  
Lizzette Atkins (Producer)  
Circe Films  
Victoria

Orchids: My Intersex Adventure  
Hartflicker  
Queensland

The Ice Maiden Expedition  
Annie Venables  
Viking Films  
Victoria

There Once was an Island: Te Henua e Noho  
Briar March and Lyn Collie  
On the Level Productions  
New Zealand

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