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Top ABFF prize goes to 'Undershepherd'

Parr wins narrative film, director honors at American Black Film Festival

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Russ Parr's "The Undershepherd" won honors for narrative film at the 16th annual American Black Film Festival.

Parr also won director honors at the Miami-set fest, while star Malinda Williams tied for acting honors with Sheldon Shepherd of "Better Mus Come."

Screenplay kudos went to Matthew Cherry for "The Last Fall."

In the HBO-sponsored short film competition, the winner was "Cherry Waves," written and directed by Carey Williams.

Cable channel GMC also awarded the prize for the winner of its faith-and-family screenplay competition, to Nzinga Kadalie for "In the Meantime." The 2011 teleplay contest winner, "Raising Izzie" (directed by Roger M. Bobb and starring Vanessa Williams and Rockmond Dunbar) was screened at this year's ABFF in advance of its GMC premiere July 21.

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