

Rat Named People's Choice at SIGGRAPH

In addition to winning Best of Show in this year's Computer Animation Festival at SIGGRAPH, Alex Weil's *One Rat Short* has received the People's Choice Award. Announced today, the award is only the second to be determined by SIGGRAPH attendees, who were allowed to vote on their favorite selections from the Electronic and Animation Theaters for the first time last year.

One Rat Short is a short film that chronicles a New York City rat's journey from his own gritty world to the interior of a futuristic laboratory. Along the way, our rodent hero experiences love, navigates dangers and discovers his own fate. According to SIGGRAPH organizers, the entry received an overwhelming majority of votes.



The SIGGRAPH Computer Animation Festival is an internationally recognized event that engages and inspires artists and technologists alike. This year saw 726 entries from 37 countries but only two winners. In addition to Best of Show going to *Rat*, Special Jury Honors were given to *458nm*, a short film by Jan Bitzer, Ilija Brunck and Tom Weber of Filmakademie Baden-Wuerttemberg in Germany.

SIGGRAPH 2007, the 34th International Conference on Computer Graphics and Interactive Techniques, will be held August 5-9 at the San Diego Convention & Exhibition Center in San Diego, Calif. For more details, go to www.siggraph.org/s2007.