

The logo for the Thriller! Chiller! film festival, featuring the words "THRILLER!" and "CHILLER!" in a bold, yellow, stylized font with a black outline, set against a black background.

October 21st through 23rd, 2011  
Wealthy Theatre Grand Rapids, Michigan

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***Thriller! Chiller!* announces award winners for Michigan's premier genre film festival!**

*Grand Rapids, Mich.* – October 25, 2011. *Thriller! Chiller!* Film Festival announces the 2011 festival winners.

*The Groovy Awards*

*Thriller! Chiller! Groovy Awards* are presented in the following categories: Best Feature, Best Short, Best Thrill!, Best Chill! and Best FX. Award winners are chosen by a committee of independent judges whose criteria are to examine a movie's content as a whole and attempt to quantify its visceral impact as a story and how it best represents its particular genre.

***Best Thrill!:* "Absentia." USA. Director: Mike Flanagan**

***Best Chill!:* "The Big Bad." USA. Director: Bryan Enk**

***Best FX:* "Night of the Punks." USA. Director: Dan Reisser**

***Best Short:* "The Dinner Meeting." Australia. Director: Antony Webb**

***Best Feature:* "Pig." USA. Director: Henry Barrial**

*The Boomstick! Award!*

*The Boomstick! Award!* has quickly become Michigan's most unique and sought after accolade on its film festival circuit. This sweet baby could only be presented by *Thriller! Chiller!* in Grand Rapids and is awarded to the Best Michigan Movie!

***The Boomstick! Award!* : "The Zombie Factor: Pilot Episode." Rochester, Michigan. Director: Matt Cantu**

***The Storey Award : David Lowing, Lowing Light & Grip***

*The Storey Award* is a community award created by *Thriller! Chiller!* and is presented in honor of journalist, friend, and community activist Drew Storey who passed away unexpectedly in 2009. The recipient is awarded based upon their body of work, their selfless contribution and its impact on building community relationships which promote and connect Michigan's artists to a larger audience around the world.

*Thriller! Chiller!* Film Festival, which took place October 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Wealthy Theatre, is Michigan's premier film festival celebrating the genre movie. The festival screened films from the U.S. and around the world in the categories of sci-fi, action, suspense and horror. Seventy Eight films from 11 countries were represented at this year's festival.

About the company

*Thriller! Chiller!* is Michigan's premier genre film festival focusing on the best of world class independent sci-fi, action, suspense and horror. We're true independent cinema that thrills and chills. *Thriller! Chiller!* is owned and operated by festival directors Anthony Griffin of [UnSAFE Film Office](#) and Chris Randall of [Fulvew productions](#) . Marketing and PR are powered by Shirley Clemens at [Twain Girl](#).

For continuing coverage of *Thriller! Chiller!* news: [www.thrillerchiller.com](http://www.thrillerchiller.com), [www.facebook.com/thrillerchiller](http://www.facebook.com/thrillerchiller), follow @thrillchill on Twitter.

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2011 Winner of *The Boomstick! Award!* with Festival Directors

*Thriller! Chiller!* Film Festival Directors celebrate with Matt Cantu, Director of “The Zombie Factor: Pilot Episode,” winner of *The Boomstick! Award!* for Best Michigan Film. The award was presented on October 23<sup>rd</sup> following an afternoon of Michigan movie showcases. [ L to R]: Festival Director Anthony Griffin, Award Winner Matt Cantu, and Festival Director Chris Randall.

2011 Winner of The Storey Award with Festival Directors

*Thriller! Chiller!* Film Festival Directors celebrate with David Lowing, owner of Lowing Light & Grip, winner of *The Storey Award*. [ L to R]: Festival Director Anthony Griffin, Award Winner David Lowing, and Festival Director Chris Randall.

2011 *Thriller! Chiller!* Best Feature Winner: “Pig”

*Thriller! Chiller!* Film Festival Directors celebrate with Mark Stolaroff, Producer of Best Feature Winner “Pig.” Stolaroff, founder of No Budget Film School, also presented his “No Budget? No Problem!” seminar at the festival. [ L to R]: Festival Director Anthony Griffin, Award Winner Mark Stolaroff, and Festival Director Chris Randall.

2011 *Thriller! Chiller!* Best Chill! Winner: “The Big Bad”

*Thriller! Chiller!* Film Festival Directors celebrate with Writer/Actress Jessi Gotta and Director Bryan Enk Winners of Best Chill! Award for their film “The Big Bad.” [ L to R]: Festival Director Anthony Griffin, Award Winner Jessi Gotta, Festival Director Chris Randall, and Award Winner Bryan Enk.