

**2010 Edmonton International Film Festival
Filmmaker Quotes**

Here are just a few of the nice things people had to say about EIFF 2010!

1. And thank you too for the warm welcome to your event and for looking after us so well. I really couldn't have asked for a better launch to this project...

Sara McIntyre, director - Two Indians Talking.

2. Thanks Mr Zyp and to you also Guy,
It was a real pleasure to meet with you all, Stephen and I had a great time and we hope that the rest of the festival goes well for you. Thanks to you and the team for the award, delighted with it and also for screening our film. We had a great time in Edmonton and hope to come back again in the future. Pass on our best to Alistair and the rest of the team.
V. Best wishes, Justin...

Justin Molotnikov, director – Crying with Laughter.

3. Well, it's another year in the books. I have to say it was a whirlwind of thought provoking celluloid and engaging conversation. It seems disingenuous to say that every year gets better, but I truly believe that. I really appreciate the opportunity you gave me to be able to represent the festival in some fine Q & A sessions and intros. I love the fact that this is not a "star" driven festival. It would be easy for you to focus on the on screen talent or try to program films with a lot of recognizable names, but you stay true to the artist. You really have created an environment where they feel comfortable and appreciated.

I really applaud your increased commitment to locally produced work. Even though it would be easy to book other films that may have more recognition to the general public you tried to make the festival more representative of what is happening in this industry locally. It was a bold choice, but one that I think will pay dividends. It may no longer be called "Local Heroes" but I am proud to be associated with a festival that is looking to laud them and plant the seeds in the minds of future filmmakers.

I am also so impressed by the commitment of yourselves and the entire EIFF staff, temporary and permanent. I always feel welcome and never taken for granted. An impressive feat when you are dealing with so many people.

Audiences have been applauding the films all week long, so I'm taking a moment to applaud you for all of you. It takes a lot of effort to make things go smoothly. You make it look easy, even though I know it isn't.

Christian Zyp, Host – Moving Radio, CJSR

4. I was about to send you two an email saying thanks for everything and telling you how cool it was to hang out with you guys all week and that you should be so proud of this year's festival. The incredible success it is. But seeing as I'm now an award winning actor...I'll have my people call your people ;) What the H-E-double hockey sticks! Wow! I can't get over this week! I have to admit I'm in a state of extreme shock. Thank you for your incredible support. To win the People's choice award was amazing as it was.....I ended up calling my mom in Ottawa when you announced it at the gala....it was like 4am out east.....and now to get a rising star with Anna.....I don't know what to say. I hope we get a trophy the size of the Stanley Cup for this ;)

I'm so grateful - congrats on such an amazing festival...hope you had a great sleep Sunday!

Corey Loranger, Lead Actor – The Pharmacist.

5. Wow! I just saw the news posted on your website. I'm totally shocked. I have been out of town, but I wanted to sincerely thank you and Kerrie and Alistair and everyone else at EIFF for being so supportive. Your team was organized, positive and flexible. I know that you put in a lot of work for very little recognition. If I can support your festival in any, please let me know (I'm good at writing letters).

Big hugs and many, many thanks!

Anna-Maria LeMaistre, Lead Actress – The Pharmacist.

6. Wow! That's so wonderful and we're thrilled to receive this award. Rita and Jennifer gushed about how great your festival was and everyone was so nice and accommodating. What a great audience (Standing 'O'... wow!) and team there. Thanks for passing on this news, and best wishes...Erin

Erin Faith Young, Producer – Music from the Big House.

7. Hi Guy,
That's great to hear – we are really proud to have screened at Edmonton!
Kind regards, Matt

Matt Harlock, director – American: The Bill Hicks Story.

8. Thanks so much for your support throughout this process. It's been a pleasure being a part of the festival and we're thrilled with what the film did for both us and you guys. Peace. S

Scott McPherson, Producer – The Pharmacist.

9. Hey Guy, I hope everything went great on Saturday night. Thanks again for getting the film in the festival so last minute!

*Wes Orshoski
Co-Director/Producer, LEMMY*

10. I wanted to send another very special thank you for your kindness and generosity last week! You ran an excellent festival!!
Most sincerely...**Gillian**

Gillian Fritzsche, Producer – The Rock 'n' Roll Dreams of Duncan Christopher.

11. Thanks so much mate. You have no idea how good that is to hear. Thanks so much for the selection and the kind words, and your laurel will take us that one step closer to having a DVD that people might actually pick up. So thanks heaps. I so wish I could be there for the festival but I'm still working a day job to get out of debt for the film and sadly none of the local funding bodies have come to the party with a grant to get there.

But just the fact that we can put your laurel on our DVD with the others is such a massive boost and will really help us get a following on DVD even if we have to save up and produce it ourselves. Please don't hesitate to let me know if there's anything else you need from me.

All the best for an amazing festival.

Dave Bishop, Director – I Am Bish.

12. WHOOO HOOOO!!!! We just won BEST INDIE DOC at the Edmonton International Film Festival !!! THANK YOU, THANK YOU! THANKS for including us in the 2010 program and for being AMAZING hosts!

Elizabeth Lawrence, Director – Roll Out, Cowboy.