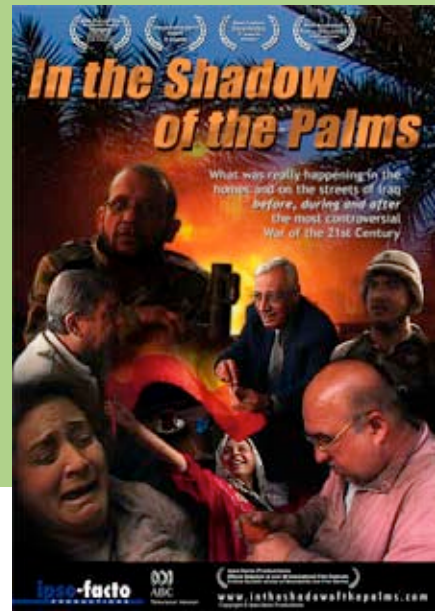


Press Release

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The Best and the Brightest

Among some of the World's Most Prominent and Critically Acclaimed Films and Filmmakers, the multi-award-winning Director of *In the Shadow of the Palms* Wayne Coles-Janess creates a storm in one of the Region's Most Prestigious Film Festivals, the 2006 **Bangkok International Film Festival**.

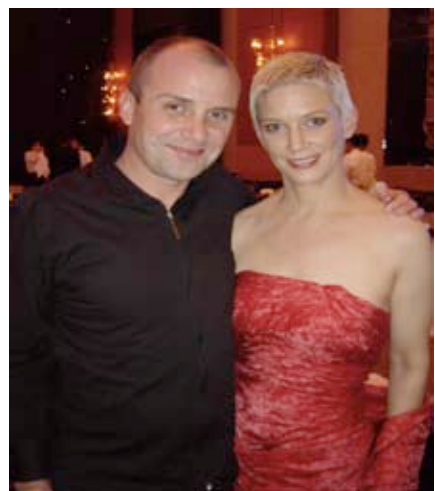
In the Shadow of the Palms screenings were sold out attracting significant press coverage including *Variety* magazine.

This year the festival had a Spotlight on Dance with two 35 mm films screening in a separate Dance sidebar. Also nominated for best international documentary, along with *In the shadow of the Palms* and six other International Award-Winning Documentaries was the Oscar Nominated Christian Frei piece *The Giant Buddha's*.

The documentary Jury was tied on best international documentary, and awarded *Rize*, with a taking of over 3.5 million US dollars - best documentary. A special *honourable mention* category was created for both *In the Shadow of the Palms*, and the beautifully 35mm shot *Emmy Award Winning Ballets Russes*.

Attended by Royal Princess Ubolratana, Catherine Deneuve, Patricia Ward Kelly, Willem Dafoe, Bruce Beresford, Fred Schepsi, Oliver Stone and countless other film Figures from around the Globe!

The Bangkok International Film Festival is one of the most important, high-profile film festivals and film markets in Asia, bringing together the **Best and the Brightest** in global cinema to Bangkok, Thailand, the undisputed crossroads of Asia.



Present at the Gala evening are Patricia Ward Kelly and Wayne Coles-Janess.