



## Yorkton Film Festival

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### **PRINCESS MARGARET BLVD.**

Medium Density Fibreboard Films

Category: Drama

Producer: Dan Montgomery

Director: Kazik Radwanski

Running Time: 14:00

This film lives for one reason -- the acting of lead Gina Sylvester. Sylvester plays the lead role in this short film, taking on the challenging role of Isabelle Rodarte, a woman who must deal with the onset of Alzheimer's. The script and the way Sylvester portrays the role give a stunningly poignant look into the confusion and frustration one faces with the disease.

If there is a shortcoming to the film, it is the length. At only 14-minutes there is more as a viewer I wanted to see. Certainly what is here is powerful, but it's like a short synopsis of a disease which could easily warrant a longer look. There is more story than 14-minutes allows and given Sylvester's performance, more would have been welcome.

That said, this film has captured broad attention and well it should. Princess Margaret Blvd. won the Grand Jury Prize at the AFI Dallas International Film Festival in April, and has been selected as part of the International Shorts programme at the 63rd Edinburgh International Film Festival in June. Princess Margaret Blvd. is eligible for the festival's new award, Best International Short Film.

Princess Margaret Blvd. was invited to screen as part of the 2009 edition of LICHTER, a film festival based in Frankfurt, Germany.

With such a pedigree it's not surprising it was the Golden Sheaf winner for Drama at this year's Yorkton Film Festival.

The compelling subject, which resonates so well through the acting, makes this film but you will wish there was more to extend the story.

By Calvin Daniels