

Press Release

And The Winner Is...

Dublin 14th July 2005: The search for the **Jameson Best Irish Film** of All time is over...

Over 10,000 people across Ireland voted for their best Irish film and Jameson is delighted to announce that the winner is **The Commitments**.

Jameson Irish Whiskey and The Dubliner Magazine conducted an online poll which ran from 2nd June- 4th July. It was the first time the question has been put to the public on this scale.

The search for the Jameson Best Irish Film of all time is also a celebration of Irish cinema and Jameson's support of the industry and home grown talent.

Generous tax incentives have brought high profile filmmakers to Ireland, resulting in international blockbusters such as Braveheart, Michael Collins and Saving Private Ryan to our shores. There is also a plethora of homegrown success stories, including actors Brendan Gleeson, Gabriel Byrne, Pierce Brosnan, Brenda Fricker, Colin Farrell and Cillian Murphy, to mention but a few. Filmmakers Neil Jordan, Alan Parker and Jim Sheridan have also made their mark on the international scene and continue to fly the flag for the Emerald Isle.

Alan Parker's 1991 film adaptation of Roddy Doyle's acclaimed novel, The Commitments, continues to enjoy huge global success. The Dublin *saviours of soul* movie has been seen by an estimated 1billion people worldwide and the soundtrack albums sold approximately 12million copies. The British Film Industry has rated The Commitments 33rd in the Top 100 Films of All Time.

The Jameson Top Ten Best Irish Film poll results are:

1. The Commitments
2. My Left Foot
3. In the Name of the Father
4. The Quiet Man
5. The Snapper
6. Michael Collins
7. The Field
8. Intermission
9. Veronica Guerin
10. Inside I'm Dancing

Richard Black, Jameson's Marketing manager commented, "Jameson Irish Whiskey, the fastest growing premium whiskey in the world, is committed to supporting Irish Film, including their sponsorship of the Jameson Dublin International Film Festival. Jameson is yet again delighted to promote the best of Irish film."

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How Irish personalities voted;

John Kelleher (Irish Film Censor) – Eat the Peach and The Halo Effect

Laura Woods (ID, The Cafe RTE 2) - Inside I'm Dancing

Aidan Power (ID, The Cafe RTE 2) - The Commitments and Intermission

Eoin Macken (Actor) - In the Name of the Father

Caroline Morahan (Off the Rails, Chance to Dance) - Last Days in Dublin

Ray Shah (Q102 FM) - The Commitments

Maura Derane (Ireland AM TV3) - Inside I'm Dancing

James Brown (celebrity hair stylist) - The Quiet Man

Eamon Coghlan -The Commitments

Ken Doherty - Michael Collins

Keith Duffy - In The Name Of The Father

Steven Gately - Darby O’Gill and The Little People

Tony Fenton - My Left Foot

Glenda Gilsen – The Commitments

Gayle Kaneswaren - Disco Pigs

Alan Hughes - My Left Foot

Brian Ormond – The Commitments

Liam Coburn(Q102 DJ) Man About Dog

Jamie Belton (Ross in Fair City) - The Field

Davey Mitchell (Fair City) Inside I’m Dancing

Killian OSullivan (Lorcan in Fair City)The Commitments

George McMahon (Mondo Fair City) The Commitments

Ciaran Nagle (3 Irish Tenors) The Commitments

Graham Cruz – The Snapper

Zoo Band;

Greg The Snapper

Dave The Commitments

Barry The Field

Mick The Van

Eric The Commitments

Brian Mc Fadden - The Snapper

Louis Copeland - In the Name of the Father

Ray Shah, Q102 commented, “I loved the black humour of The Commitments; there were some fantastic and memorable one-liners. The themes were central to Dublin at that time and the music was brilliant. People all over the world seemed to catch on to the humour and appreciate the Irish wit.”

Brian Ormond, “I chose The Commitments because I think it is definitely the best Irish movie of all time. It is incredibly well-written and is typically Irish. People can relate to the characters, which makes it really interesting and fun to watch!”

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