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**Hands down, 'The Hands' is the best**

The Hands, a film by Oak Park resident Charise Studesville, was chosen Best Dramatic Film at the Wildwood Film Festival, April 17-18, in Appleton, Wis.

Studesville wrote and directed the film under her production company, Lotus Girl Films. She describes the storyline as "grappling with the ideas of memory, loss, secrets and forgiveness. *The Hands* is actually a back story for one of the lead characters in a full-length feature I have written called *Love, Sydney*."

*The Hands* can also be seen at The Cannes Film Festival (The Short Film Corner), the Boston International Film Festival, The Heart of England Festival, The Black Harvest Festival of Film, The West Chester International Film Festival, The British Film Festival Los Angeles and the International Film Festival South Africa 2009.

Studesville splits her time between her Los Angeles and Chicago Lotus Girl Film offices and is currently writing a dramatic political thriller, and two television pilots, which she hopes to sell to HBO or Showtime. The filmmaker also has two short films in pre-production, with shooting scheduled to begin this summer.

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*For more information on The Hands and for a full list of 2009 screening dates, please visit [www.TheHandsMovie.com](http://www.TheHandsMovie.com). For more information on Charise Studesville, please visit [www.LotusGirlFilms.com](http://www.LotusGirlFilms.com).*

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