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***Politics on Film Honors Docs
on Havel, Supreme Court, Alabama Constitution
Fest closes with four Saturday premieres***

WASHINGTON – ***Vaclav Havel, Prague Castle***, the Czech Republic entry looking inside the Velvet Revolution, took the Jury Grand Prize at the second annual *Politics on Film* festival in Washington, DC, organizers announced today.

Director Petr Jancarek's ***Vaclav Havel, Prague Castle*** explores the earliest days of Havel's presidency as told by members of Havel's inner circle and the playwright himself, including the arrival of his team to Prague Castle in the wake of the turbulent 1989 elections and Havel's historic speech to the U.S. Congress.

The festival's Founders Award, for most original presentation of a current political subject, was presented to ***Advise & Dissent***. Director David Van Taylor's look at the Supreme Court confirmation wars opened the festival to a sold out house Wednesday.

"The Politics on Film festival offered a perfect venue—and perfect timing—to debut *Advise & Dissent*," Van Taylor said. "With the next confirmation battle unfolding now, I hope the very lively conversation we had at the festival continues, and that the film's insights into recent history will inform the debate over how we choose our Justices, and our justice."

Audience Award honors went to ***Open Secret***, a short film by Melanie Jeffcoat. The 30-minute reenactment of the 1901 Alabama constitutional convention is on its way to Alabama middle and high schools via a humanities grant.

The Jury Grand Prize was selected by Christy Carpenter, President of the Paley Media Center; Sig Libowitz, producer and director of 2009's *The Response*; Michael Schoenfeld, Vice President for Public Affairs and Government Relations at Duke University; and Tommy Bruce, Vice President for University Communications at Cornell University.

Saturday's premieres included ***Open Secret***, ***Multiracial Identity***, ***Citizen Boilesen*** from Brazil and ***Overdose*** from Sweden. Directors of all the films were on hand for post-screening discussion.

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About Politics on Film

Politics on Film is a project of the Washington Political Film Foundation. It is an annual, bipartisan film festival based in Washington DC dedicated to providing a platform for films that tell stories of America's politics and policies. The festival celebrates the power of film to educate and motivate, as well as entertain. The Festival also celebrates the historic and ongoing legacy of films about American government and democracy, as well as related stories and themes from an international perspective. www.politicsonfilm.com.