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explore
Wins Maui Film Festival Audience Award
for Best Documentary Short with
“Gorillas...98.6% Human”
at the 2009 MAUI FILM FESTIVAL

(July 6, 2009 Los Angeles, CA) **Gorillas...98.6% Human** won the Audience Award for Best Documentary Short at the **2009 Annual Maui Film Festival**. **explore**, a multimedia organization that documents leaders around the world who have devoted their lives to extraordinary causes, showcased 6 short films at the Maui Film Festival. Following on the heels of **explore's** **Guardians of the Sea** win in 2008, this is the first time any film maker has won two years in a row.

Approximately 20,000 people attended this year's Maui Film Festival at Wailea and voted on their favorite films. The scenic views of Maui served as a backdrop to some of the best American independent films and world cinema. The Festival also featured cultural events, tributes and filmmakers panels.

Gorillas...98.6% Human directed by Charles Annenberg Weingarten, covers a trip to Rwanda where **explore** had the opportunity to visit four families of wild mountain gorillas, a species with only 720 remaining members. Their guide, Craig Sholley, has been intimately involved in the preservation of African wildlife for more than 30 years. The team's thrilling interaction with these peaceful animals – who share 98.6% of their genetic make up with humans – is startling reminder of their own humanity. With the support of the Annenberg Foundation, **explore** has made funding possible to the African Wildlife Foundation. To see this award winning film, please visit <http://explore.org/explore/africa>.

Five additional **explore** films featured at this year's at the Maui Film Festival and had record attendance at their screenings, including; **Wild Dolphin Project**, **India's Song**, **The Arctic: Change at the Top of the World**, **No Child Is Born a Terrorist** and **Guardians of the Sea**.

explore features a wide range of topics — from animal rights, health and human services and poverty to the environment, education and spirituality. Both educational and inspirational, **explore** creates a portal into the soul of humanity by championing the selfless acts of others. Individuals and organizations featured in many **explore** films receive **explore** funding in the form of Annenberg Foundation grants. To date, over \$15 million has been awarded to over 100 non-profit organizations worldwide.

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