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Called Moderate

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"Dead Guy," the Popular Pick award winner, which is a black comedy that takes a whimsical look at life, love and the pursuit of the American dream, seemed to confuse the audience the most.

"Each of the movies is very different, we're not sure we really like some of them," said one couple. "They're sure different."

Different they were.

"Pig" got the most laughs because it showed the silly side of human nature. "Three Minutes," about a couple waiting three minutes for a pregnancy test, left some wondering.

"Did you know what they were waiting for?" one woman asked her companion. "I didn't understand that's what they were waiting for."

The films often got sporadic applause and laughter. "Bob's Birthday," which won the Jurors award, showed the humorous side of a dentist going through a period of self reflection.

Jamestown radio personality Jay Phillippi acted as announcer and Alan Hall, general manager of one of the co-sponsors, Time-Warner Cable, presented the film awards.

"Attendance throughout the weekend has been moderate," said Philip Morris, executive director for the Arts Council for Chautauqua County. "The quality of the films is superb this year. We're very excited about them."