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## AUDIENCE OVER 10,000 GATHERED ON OPEN FIELD FOR THE CAT VIDEO FESTIVAL AT WALKER ART CENTER

### GOLDEN KITTY AWARDED TO *HENRI 2, PAW DE DEUX*



Walker Art Center Cat Video Festival Photo: Gene Pittman for Walker Art Center

Minneapolis, August 30, 2012—The Walker Art Center presented the first Cat Video Festival this evening at its Open Field, drawing an audience over 10,000. The people's choice award, the Golden Kitty, was presented to William Brandon, creator of *Henri 2, Paw de Deux*. Brandon comments "This is a great honor. I don't think I've ever purred this loudly!"

Chosen by online voting, the Golden Kitty was the shown as the finale of the festival and will be broadcast during the season finale of Animal Planet's [My Cat From Hell](#) on September 8 at 8 pm EST.

The videos from the festival are available via <http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC0B137D835A3C970> and the Animal Planet web site <http://animal.discovery.com/> beginning August 31.

Drawing over 10,000 online nominations, the Walker's festival was a communal experience for fans of the online phenomenon of cat videos and included videos submitted from around the world. The videos, divided into the categories of Comedy, Drama, Foreign, Animated, Musical, Documentary, Art House, Honorable Mention, Lifetime Achievement, and People's Choice, are listed below. The online version of the festival includes several Honorable Mention videos not screened at the event.

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Left to Right: Scott Stulen, William Brandon, Katie Hill Photo: Gene Pittman for Walker Art Center



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## Cat Video Festival Merchandise

#catvidfest and Cat Video Festival logo t-shirts in black, white, and green (men's and women's sizes) are available for **\$10** via the Walker's Shop

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## Cat Video Festival Program, August 30, 2012, Walker Art Center

### COMEDY

[Patty Cake Cats](#)

by Seth Miller

[Gary's Disgusted](#)

by ClintWeiler

[Talking Cat 1](#)

by cutefurrytales

[Cat Acts Like Dog](#)

by TushiRIT

[Cat Barks Like Dog](#)

by noobdaily

[Nom Nom Nom Cat](#)

by k1pperiz

[Cat Meowing Weird](#)

by Takahura

[Cats Scream Yawns](#)

by theindiemachines

[Cat Burp](#), 82 views

by iveftfirecracker

[Underwater Treadmill Cat](#)

by neosurrealist

[Cat Shower](#)

by HolaKenty

[Cat Alarm Clock](#)

by GarrulousCrap

[Why Won't He Wake Up?](#)

by Mitone Cooke

[Peek-A-Boo Suitcase Cat](#)

by cmbt89

[Yes Cats](#)

by Gattacapa

[Kittens Dancing](#)

by tariqwahl

[Kitten Freak Out](#)

by 100disks

[Kittens Riding Vacuum](#)

by melodyparris

[Kitten Train](#)

by SpaceyStacy88

[Kitten Pounce on Dog](#)

by pratvids

[Kitten Can't Jump](#)

by RoAsTLevin



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## **DRAMA**

[Kitten vs. Two Scary Things](#)

by ignoramusky

[Stalking Cat](#)

by lowdope

[Cat vs Cat Balloon](#)

by CarlyandRobert

[Dramatic Cat – Orchestral](#)

by John Pickup

[WTF Kitty](#)

by DidHEDiedChannel

[The OMG Cat](#)

by Davincipop

[Persian on Bed](#)

by akkitom1

[Banana Security](#)

by richfofo

[White Cat on Two Legs](#)

by crazystuff103

[Orange Cat Gone](#)

by teakdc

[Angry Cobra Cat](#)

by shoutitallloud

[Serious SOS Cat](#)

by DogsAnimalsCats

[Little Cat Provokes Big Cat](#)

by phunit

[Cat Jump Fail](#)

by FiatVeronica

## **FOREIGN**

[Kittens in Bowls](#)

by lpoleschtschuk

[Gatonovela](#)

by flix

[Les Chats Ninjas](#)

by faireset2

[I am Maru](#)

by mugumogu

[Happy Birthday Cat](#)

by tomomama3

[Les Vieux Cons](#)

by faireset2

[Cat Scratches Butt](#)

by xanaduvista

## **ANIMATED**

[Simon's Cat](#)

by simonscat

[Sushi Cats](#)

by TandNPeanuts

[Welcome to Kitty City](#)

by cyriak

[Boots and Cats](#)

by AfferatteDesign



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Mike Bridavsky and Lil Bub Photo: Gene Pittman for Walker Art Center

## **DOCUMENTARY**

[Catvertising](#)

by johnst172

[Space Cats](#)

by andyfreeberg

[Engineer's Guide](#)

by klusmanp

[100 Ways to Love a Cat](#)

by travisandjonathan

[Facts on Cats](#)

by richfofo

[Cat Show Trailer](#)

by Madden Meiners

## **CAT STRETCH! (EVENT PROGRAM INTERMISSION)**

*Montage of Cute Kitties*

by Various Artists

## **MUSICAL**

[The Internet is Made of Cats](#)

by rathergoodstuff

[Nora, the Piano Cat](#)

by burnellyow

[Kitty Cat Dance](#)

by steveibsen

[Island Kitty](#)

by jordan9148

[Trololo Cat](#)

by thetoaster2006

[Catsik ft. Exkitten – Swagga](#), 604,064 views

by KrashOPS

[Live PopTart Nyan Cat](#), 487,763 views

by BradJohnsen

[Sky Mall Kitties](#), 80,811 views

by ninakatchadourian

## **ART HOUSE**

[Cory Arcangel](#)

by coryarcangel

[Noodle Cup Heads](#)

by shironekoshiro

[Slow Motion Kitten](#)

by mundomudado2010

[Purring Face](#)

by dangerbird64

[Cat Puke](#)

by slaveclothes

## **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT**

[Kittens Inspired by Kittens](#)

by blakekelly0

[Surprised Kitty](#)

by rozzafly

[Keyboard Cat](#)

by chuckieart



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## PEOPLE'S CHOICE (IN ORDER OF VOTES RECEIVED)

[Henri 2, Paw de Deux](#)

by WillBraden

[Nyan Cat](#)

by saraj00n

[Maru Slides into Boxes](#)

by mugumogu

[Cat Mom Hugs Baby Kitten](#)

by dragomirnet86

[Nonono Cat](#)

by MrDron059

[Two Talking Cats](#)

by TheCatsPyjaaaamas

[Dubstep Cat](#)

by xga66erx

## Walker Art Center

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One of the most celebrated art museums in the country, the Walker Art Center is known for presenting today's most compelling artists, as well as modern masters, including Andy Warhol, Matthew Barney, Jasper Johns, Yoko Ono, Robert Rauschenberg, Mark Rothko, and Kara Walker. In addition to traveling exhibitions and its world-renowned collection, the Walker presents a broad array of contemporary music, dance, and theater, and the best in film from around the world and down the block. The Walker's 11-acre Minneapolis Sculpture Garden is one of the country's largest urban sculpture parks. At its center is the beloved Twin Cities landmark—the playful fountain-sculpture *Spoonbridge and Cherry*. The Garden features more than 40 works of art and the Cowles Conservatory.

## About Walker Art Center's Open Field

The community has helped shape Open Field into the ultimate mix of public spaces: a patio, a recreational field, a playground, a stage, a beer garden, a hangout, and every once in a while, a zoo. It's a different type of park, where town square meets community green meets cultural commons. Open Field is a place for social and creative exchange—everyone is encouraged to share their talents and interests by organizing a public event on the Field. Visitors can consult the Open Field calendar to see what's going on, or simply show up and join in.

Open Field features a shady courtyard and the Open Field Tool Shed, where visitors can check out picnic blankets, books, games, sports equipment, art materials, and other supplies. Garden Grill by D'Amico offers freshly grilled barbeque favorites and summer beverages including a selection of local beers.

## About Animal Planet

Animal Planet Media (APM), a multi-media business unit of Discovery Communications, is the world's only entertainment brand that immerses viewers in the full range of life in the animal kingdom with rich, deep content via multiple platforms and offers animal lovers and pet owners access to a centralized online, television and mobile community for immersive, engaging, high-quality entertainment, information and enrichment. APM consists of the



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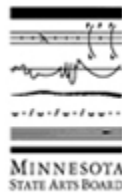


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The Walker Art Center is located at 1750 Hennepin Avenue—where Hennepin meets Lyndale—one block off Highways I-94 and I-394, in Minneapolis.

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