

The Independent Spirit Awards champions the indie movie, and in many ways are the antithesis of The Academy Awards. This year in particular, movies many felt were snubbed by The Oscars such as Drive, Take Shelter, Shame, and Martha Macy May Marlene were recognized. Seth Rogen was the presenter, and although a few of his jokes failed to hit the mark, I think his opening monologue is pretty damn funny, if a little juvenile! He takes swipes at the man CBM loves to hate, Brett Ratner, as well as Chris Brown, Mel Gibson and a good natured jab at General Zod (aka Michael Shannon) is also a highlight. Check it out.. The thing is, The Artist still cleaned up! Anyway here are a list of the nominees in each category, with the winners in bold.. Best Feature "50/50" "Beginners" "Drive" "Take Shelter" "The Artist" "The Descendants" Best Director Michel Hazanavicius - "The Artist" Mike Mills - "Beginners" Jeff Nichols - "Take Shelter" Alexander Payne

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