



Tale of human destruction scoops prize

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An environmental film by British-based New Zealanders depicting the earth's annihilation has won the prestigious Artist award in Hollywood.

The short film - Anthropology 101 - is being shown as a double header with Al Gore's An Inconvenient Truth in cinemas in the UK.

Artist, a combination of art and activism, aims to promote wider social consciousness of issues, such as global warming.

Anthropology 101 is narrated by Bafta award-winning actor Mark Rylands.

It ponders from a distant planet and at a future time how humans could have destroyed their earth, when it was such a perfect gift.

Film creator Wayne Brittenden told NZPA that Anthropology 101 interspersed scenes of nuclear conflict and global warming to create a modern-day tale of human destruction.

"We wanted to create a film that linked the big issues under-25s are not hearing about.

"We did not expect to have a fighting chance (of winning)."

Brittenden, who made the film with producer Lee Herrick, managed to get Brian Eno to produce music for the film.

Eno, known as the father of ambient music, has produced bands such as U2 and Talking Heads.

"He was quite thrilled about it he loves the film," Brittenden said.

The award will be presented at Hollywood's Egyptian theatre on November 11.

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