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# THE IAC BRITISH INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR FILM COMPETITION 2017

## Judges' Comments

Title: WALKING THE PLANKS  
Number: 12043  
Award: 4 Star Award

This nostalgic look back at the history of the seaside piers at Clevedon, Weston and Birnbeck was beautifully made.

The camerawork was faultless, the editing excellent and the narration beautifully paced and written. A well-balanced soundtrack and a feast of well chosen music added considerably to the gentle pace of the whole movie.

Your use of vintage songs and melodies like 'Happy Days are Here Again', 'The Sun has got His Hat on' and Boccherini's minuet really brought a true seaside feel to the film. You also had the courage to let this music with its excellent beach and pier shots run on so that your audience could almost smell the fresh sea air!

Your archive material showing these piers in the Edwardian age were well researched and it was quite an achievement to access and feature the shots the Weston super Mare pier fire in 2008.

You have produced a very polished documentary mixed with fun, pathos and lingering atmospheric visuals, which was a joy to watch and judge.

Congratulations on your well deserved 4 Star Award and thank you for entering 'Walking the Planks' into this year's IAC British International Amateur Film Festival.

Terence Patrick FACI

On behalf of fellow judges Neil Shaw and Alan Colegrave FACI

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Judging Panel: