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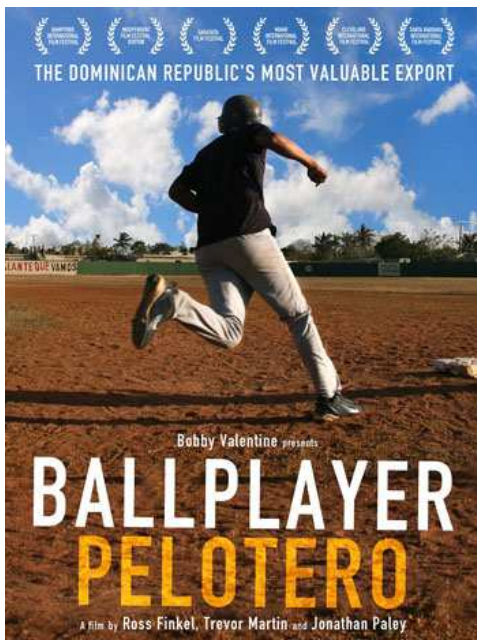


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## Aruba Jury Split Over 'Ballplayer: Pelotero' and 'Ghett'a Life'

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The third outing of the international film festival gave both films the top Caribbean Spotlight prize, with other nods going to "América," "Children of the Wind," "Awa Brak" and "Wake Up."

The third outing of the Aruba International Film Festival continues through Thursday, but the jury has already given its top honor to two films.

The Caribbean Spotlight Competition handed out the Jury Award to both the Dominican Republic documentary *Ballplayer: Pelotero* and Jamaican feature *Ghett'a Life* -- a drama about boxing and Kingston crime from director **Chris Browne**.

Puerto Rico's *América* also received a special mention.

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Among the audience kudos, the CSS Audience Award went to **Daphne Schmon's** locally produced wind surfing ary *Children of the Wind*. The audience's choice for a *Awa Brak*, from directors **Francisco Pardo** and **uber**.

choose **Ken Wolff's** animated *Wake Up* as the short film winner.

Aruba's CSC jury was led by last year's Audience Award winner, Bahamian filmmaker **Kareem Mortimer**.

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