

Make Believe Press Sheet

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Select Reviews:

"...Gem of a movie...charming...thumbs up!"

-Roger Ebert, *At the Movies*

<http://www.ew.com/movies/make-believe>

"The young people seen here never seem artificial; you feel their passion for doing magic, as well as their nagging loneliness, devoted as they are to practicing card tricks and such for hours on end, while their peers are off doing what most teenagers do...The buildup to the actual competition is perfectly paced...the championship has all the drama of a high-stakes sporting event..."

-Neil Genzlinger, *New York Times*

<http://movies.nytimes.com/2011/05/13/movies/make-believe-documentary-review.html?smid=tw-nytimesmovies&seid=auto>

"Terrifically likable...These talented, dedicated kids aren't making believe about anything—they're making art out of shimmering illusion, intricate manipulation and blithe misdirection...compelling."

-Joe Morgenstern, *Wall Street Journal*

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304066504576347242496083716.html>

"Guaranteed to have viewers levitating, 'Make Believe' is a charming, affectionate and often elegantly executed study...it's a kind of personal heroism that helmer J. Clay Tweel captures in this Los Angeles Film Festival jury prizewinner...Production values are superb..."

-John Anderson, *Variety*

<http://www.variety.com/review/VE1117943066.html?categoryid=31&cs=1>

"Make Believe is so irresistible because Tweel combines the kids-making-good plot line with the sheer joy of the magic show."

-Leslie Stonebraker, *NY Press*

<http://www.nypress.com/blog-8869-believe-in-lsmake-believers.html>

"Totally awesome from start to finish, J. Clay Tweel's documentary about the path to success for a group of teen magicians from around the world is the stuff dreams are made of...Tweel makes an impressive mark directing a doc that seamlessly puts the viewer into the mindset and personalities of its hard-working subjects. Make Believe is a touching movie about discipline and the power of illusion to elevate the mundane into the sublime. You'll be amazed."

-Cole Smithey

<http://www.colesmithey.com/capsules/2011/05/make-believe.html>

"full of humor, insight, and, most importantly, suspense... 'Make Believe' is a rousing, epic crowd pleaser that will speak to both the child inside who wants to believe in magic and the adult who still wants to believe that if you pursue your dreams, they will come true."

-Bryan Buss, *Moving Pictures Magazine*

<http://www.movingpicturesnetwork.com/11870/make-believe-documentary-2/>

"...The effect is mesmerizing... 'Make Believe' is not a film about magic, but rather an intimate and personal portrait of adolescence, told through magic... It is easy to see why this film was chosen as the Best Documentary in competition at the LA Film Festival."

-Laurie Curtis, *Tonight at the Movies*

<http://tonightatthemovies.com/indexhold/?p=2156>

Video & Audio:

Lance Burton on *The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson*

[http://www.cbs.com/late night/late late show/video/?pid=6n6JSrRetEdbgNtqIe8MLkRfuJshOxK7](http://www.cbs.com/late%20night/late%20late%20show/video/?pid=6n6JSrRetEdbgNtqIe8MLkRfuJshOxK7)

Lance Burton & Bill Koch on ABC's *What's the Buzz*

<http://abcnews.go.com/Video/playerIndex?id=13600623>

J. Clay Tweel on *Last Call with Carson Daly*

[http://www.nbc.com/Last Call with Carson Daly/video/make-believe/1331242/](http://www.nbc.com/Last%20Call%20with%20Carson%20Daly/video/make-believe/1331242/)

J. Clay Tweel on KPCC's *Film Week* with Larry Mantle

<http://www.scpr.org/programs/filmweek/2011/05/27/filmweek-for-may-27-2011/>

Lance Burton with Dennis Miller on the *Dennis Miller Show*

http://fetch.noxsolutions.com/dm/mp3/LanceBurton_060211.mp3

LAFF interview with J. Clay Tweel & Steven Klein

http://www.youtube.com/user/filmindependent#p/u/7/z_s4CEaH908

Standing Ovation at Premiere at TIFF

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OeywOrMn3XM>

Podcast with J Clay Tweel & Steven Klein at Virginia Film Festival

<http://www.virginiafilmfestival.org/podcasts/make-believe/>

Articles on the Film:

"Something to 'Believe' In" (*Moving Pictures Network*)

<http://www.movingpicturesnetwork.com/28396/make-believe-lance-burton-interview/>

"Director & Producer Interview" (*Collider*)

<http://collider.com/j-clay-tweel-steven-klein-interview-make-believe/93314/>

"Make Believe Pulls Back Curtain..." (*Wall Street Journal*)

<http://blogs.wsj.com/speakeasy/2011/05/03/make-believe-pulls-back-curtain-on-world-magic-seminar/>

"'Family' & 'Make Believe' Take Top LA Film Festival Accolades" (*IndieWire*)

<http://www.indiewire.com/article/family-make-believe-take-top-l.a.-film-festival-accolades>

"Reel to Tweel: Filmmaker scores at LA Film fete" (*The Hook*)

<http://www.readthehook.com/blog/index.php/2010/06/30/reel-to-tweel-filmmaker-scores-at-la-film-fete/>

"LAFF 2010: 'A Family' and 'Make Believe' take top awards" (*LA Times*)

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/movies/2010/06/laff-2010-a-family-and-make-believe-take-top-awards.html>

"Los Angeles Film Festival: What's Up? Docs" (*The Wrap*)

<http://www.thewrap.com/movies/column-post/whats-docs-18788?page=0,1>

"LA Theater Veteran Wins LAFF Documentary Award for 'Make Believe'" (*LA Times*)

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/culturemonster/2010/06/black-dahlia-steven-klein-wins-documentary-award-at-la-film-festival.html>

"LA Times Talks to Krystyn Lambert About 'Make Believe'" (*iTricks*)

<http://itricks.com/news/2010/06/la-times-talks-to-krystyn-lambert-about-make-believe/>