

## GO Arts

What's new on the walls, stage, screen and streets of Tacoma and South Puget Sound.

**Saturday, October 4th, 2008**

### We have a winner

Posted by **Soren Andersen** @ 06:04:22 pm

Make that a "Weiner."

The first sell-out of this year's Tacoma Film Festival was "Weiner Takes All: A Dogumentary." With a title like that, who could stay away?

Certainly not the 110 people who filled the auditorium of the Grand Cinema where the droll dogu-, ah, documentary played at 3 p.m. Saturday.

A very tongue-in-cheek look at the world of dachshund racing from director Shane MacDougall, "Weiner" featured competitors with names like Noodles, Peanut and Spike.

It's a picture with backbiting. Or rather, butt-biting, where a well-timed nip to the hindquarters can turn a leader into a loser in the time it takes for a set of long jaws to snap shut and start a dogfight right there on the track.

It's a picture that revealed that some competitors have attention spans as short as their stubby little legs, wandering sideways when the starting gate lifts, or in some cases refusing to come out of the gate at all while the rest of field dashes toward the finish line.

It's a picture where one poor pooch comes dressed in a set of hot-dog buns with a squiggle of faux mustard on its back. I swear I could see critter turn hot-dog red with embarrassment.

"The dogs were awesome and the people who brought them were a little crazed," said Sharon Anderson, a nurse from Tacoma who attended the screening with a girlfriend who owns a dachshund. Anderson was no doubt referring to a woman in the movie who put into perspective the relationship between dog and owner and the home they share when she said of her pooch, "She lets us live here."

"Hysterical," is how Annette Hockman of Gig Harbor described the movie.

The audience laughed throughout. And at the end they applauded heartily.

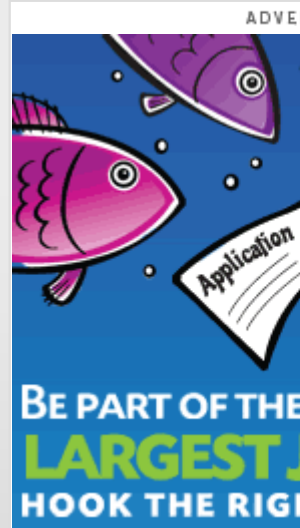
Want to know what all the guffawing was about? You're in luck. "Weiner" screens again at the Grand at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday.

**Categories: Cinema**

#### COMMENTS:

No COMMENTS for this post yet...

Comments are not allowed from anonymous visitors. Please **login** or **register** to comment.



#### GO ARTS

Arts reporter and critic Rosemary Ponnekanti keeps you in the arts and culture scene with the help of other News Tribune critics and editors.

**Rosemary Ponnekanti** is a reporter at The News Tribune who is a classical music nerd near and far, spending way too much time at museums and concert halls, bringing a whistle or double bass to sessions, and insists on playing in four-part harmony.

Other contributors include:

> Movie critic **Soren Andersen**  
> Arts & entertainment

#### CATEGORY

- All
- Ballet (8)
- Cinema (31)
- Contemporary dance (17)
- Critic's picks (17)
- Free events (15)
- Fringe (3)
- Galleries (22)
- General arts (17)
- Last chance (0)
- Museums (13)
- Music (4)
- Band (1)

- Chamber music
- Musicals (4)
- Opera (4)
- Solo acts (1)
- Symphony (6)
- Outdoor (12)
- Theater (10)
- Visual arts (7)

■ Last comments

## CALENDAR

October			
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
			1
			8
5	6	7	
12	13	14	15
19	20	21	22
26	27	28	29
<< <			

## ARCHIVES

- October 2008 (13)
- September 2008
- August 2008 (33)
- July 2008 (33)
- June 2008 (31)
- May 2008 (1)
- More...

Search this Blog:

## XML FEEDS

- RSS 0.92: Posts
- RSS 1.0: Posts,
- RSS 2.0: Posts,
- Atom: Posts, Co

[What is RSS?](#)

## MISC

## WHO'S ONLINE?

- sfarrand 
- bkrast 
- lesliecush 
- ikevin2 
- Stacey Mulick 
- risque 
- JPaddle 
- cgregorich 
- paulandsoon 
- artman77 
- Guest Users: 94



[Privacy Policy](#) | [User Agreement](#) | [Contact Us](#) | [About Us](#) | [Site Map](#) | [Jobs@The TNT](#) | [RSS](#)

1950 South State Street, Tacoma, Washington 98405 253-597-8742

© [Copyright Tacoma News, Inc.](#) A subsidiary of The McClatchy Company 