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INTERNATIONAL FAMILY FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES WINNERS

20th Anniversary a Jubilant Celebration

Hollywood, CA – It was a fitting commemoration of the Platinum Edition of the International Family Film Festival this past weekend at Raleigh Studios. With over 100 films from 17 countries screened - there was something for the whole family. The complete list of festival finalists and winners are available at www.iffilmfest.org. All films and screenplays shared a common thread - the enriching role that family plays in the stories of our lives.

Actress GiGi Rice served as the evening's Mistress of Ceremonies and expertly guided the evening. In addition to the jury awards, IFFF also presented some special awards: The IFFF SPIRIT AWARD went to the highly acclaimed film ***Under the Blood Red Sun*** directed by Tim Savage with Red Sun Productions; this year's IFFF DIRECTORS GOLD AWARD went to ***Santa's Boot Camp*** with Ken Feinberg serving as director, writer and producer from Creative Studios of Atlanta; and ***The Sparrows Nesting*** from directors Nancy Criss and Josh Hodgins of Nandar Entertainment/Weathervane productions received the IFFF PEARL AWARD.

The newly created IFFF HUMANITARIAN AWARD was presented to director **Eric Kabera** for his inspirational film ***Intore***. And finally, the 2015 FRIZ AWARD FOR ANIMATION was bestowed upon **Floyd Norman**, who has added to our cherished childhood memories with his amazing voice work. Presenting the award was Don Hahn, who was a Friz Award recipient in 2003.

Audiences also got the opportunity to vote for their favorite film. The winner of the **TOP APPLAUSE AWARD** went to ***Turtle Tale***, directed by Luc Campeau.



The following are the 2015 IFFF Jury Prize Winners:

2015 FEATURE FILM WINNER AND FINALISTS (*Winners)

BEST FEATURE DRAMA

****The Cokeville Miracle***

Director/Producer/Writer/DP: T.C. Christensen
Remember Films

Crossing Streets

Director/Writer/Producer: Marc A. Hutchins
Production Company: Alexander Films

IFFF BEST FEATURE FOREIGN DRAMA

****Next Station Is Love (Hong Kong)***

Director: Terry Lee
The Media Evangelism Limited

DAM999 (India)

Director: Sohan Roy
BizTV Networks

2015 IFFF BEST FEATURE COMEDY

****Hybrids***

Director: Tony Randel
HAS III Entertainment

Popovich and the Voice of the Fabled American West

Directors: Jerry and Mike Thompson
Production Company: Light Forest Studios

2015 IFFF BEST FEATURE FOREIGN COMEDY

****Wayang Boy (Singapore)***

Director: Raymond Tan
Brainchild Pictures

Ruby Skye P.I.: The Maltese Puppy (Canada)

Director/Producer: Kelly Harms
Story 2.0



2015 IFFF BEST FEATURE DOCUMENTARY

****Gridiron Heroes***

Directors: Andy Lauer, Seth Camillo
ReelAid.org

2015 IFFF BEST FEATURE EDUCATIONAL

****The3Tails: A Mermaid Adventure***

Director/DP: Andres Garreton
The2Tails

2015 IFFF BEST CHILD ACTOR

****Kimball Stinger***

The Cokeville Miracle
Remember Films

Kyler Sakamoto

Under the Blood Red Sun
Red Sun Productions

2015 IFFF Short Film (*Winners & Finalists)

BEST DRAMA - U.S.

****Play Date***

Director/Writer/Producer: Paige Morrow Kimball
Makazan Films

The Sac Fly

Director/Writer/Producer: Deep Williams
Raking Leaves Productions

BEST DRAMA - FOREIGN

****Lady Luck (UK)***

Director/Writer/Producer: Jo Lewis
Breakneck films



Dawg (Canada)
Director/Writer; Shelley Thompson
Dawg Gone Productions

BEST COMEDY

****Bark Mitzvah***

Director: Ken Goldberg
Kendall Goldberg Films

Studio City
Director/Producer: Arthur Anderson
White Light Productions

BEST ANIMATION - U.S.

****The Looking Planet***

Director: Eric Law Anderson
Giant Dolphin Pictures

**The Lost Treasure Hunt*
Directors: Richad Bazley, Rogue Ballestros
Professor Cobb Productions/Ghostbot, Inc

BEST ANIMATION - FOREIGN

****The Bedward Story (UK)***

Director, Writer, Animator: Lee Guilliland

Ronja, Robbers, Daughter (JAPAN)
Director: Goro Miyazaki
NHK Enterprises & Dwango

BEST DOCUMENTARY - U.S.

****Krusing America***

Director/Writer/Producer: Linda Kruse

Get on the Bus for Mother's Day
Director: Jennifer Farmer
Pumpkin Films

BEST DOCUMENTARY - FOREIGN

****Knit Me Some Happiness (UK)***

Director: Sofia Olins
Tisk Media Productions

A Director's Journey (CANADA)
Director/Producer/Editor: Katarzyna Kochany



BEST EDUCATIONAL

****History's Heroes***

Director/Writer/Producer: Kevin Robert McDermott
The Rusty Bucket Kids.com

Jiang Guio Xiang

Director/Animator: Andrew Austin

BEST MUSICAL

****My Dog***

Director/Editor: Norm Bosworth
Cedar Breaks Music
Empath Media LLC

So What

Producer: Cappricieli Inc – Maria Capp
Music & Lyrics: Raffaella Capp

Do What You Love (CANADA)

Director: Katarzyna Kochany

2015 IFFF Student Films
(*Winners & Finalists)

BEST DRAMA

****Helyn Springs***

Director/Writer: Noah Camenker
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

Chocolate Pudding

Director/DP: Jonatas Da Silva
Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA

BEST COMEDY - U.S.

****Harmony Brooks***

Director/Writer: Whitney Clinkscales
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

Wild West Fan Co

Director/Writer/Producer: Matthew Thompson
Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA



BEST COMEDY - FOREIGN

****Believe You***

Director/Writer: Margarita Grant
Met School of Film, UK

This is the Future

Director/Editor: James Klemmensen
Powell River Film School, Canada

BEST ANIMATION

****Thundercluck***

Director/Writer/Animator: Paul A.Tillery IV
Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA

Nowhere

Director/Animator/Editor: I-Cheng Lee
Rochester Institute of Technology, New York

BEST MUSICAL

****Parent-Teacher - The Musical***

Director: Austin Michael
Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA

Pressure Man

Director/Writer/Editor: Kai Hsu
New York Film Academy, New York

BEST EDUCATIONAL

****Hula is My Language***

Dir: Shailynn Shirley, Raymond Martino
Inclusion Films

BEST MIXED MEDIA

****Imaginapped***

Dir: Stian Hafstad
Columbia University, New York

2015 IFFF Screenplay
(*Winners & Finalists)

Best Feature Length Screenplays:

DRAMA

****The Art of Silence***

By Mary Krell-Oishi



Take 2 For Faith
By Kenneth Lemm

COMEDY

****Elmer's Glue***
By David Boito

A Four Barrel Affair
By K.A. Morgan

ANIMATION

****Hooked***
By Timothy Benson

Marie's Nutcracker
By Alex Templeton

SCI-FI/FANTASY

****The Summer I Shrank My Grandmother***
By Anita Brandt Burgoyne

Rally Cap
By Michael Raymond

Best Short Screenplays:

DRAMA

****Second Daughter***
By Dennis Cravens

A Briefs Encounter
By Sundae Jahant-Osborn

COMEDY

****Nellie vs the Librarian***
By Scott & Paula Merrow

The Grand Bedazzler
By Diana Woody, Henry Franco

ANIMATION

****Pet Capers***



By Rob Malenfant

Cupcakes

By Timothy Benson

2015 YouthFest!
(*Winners & Finalists)

BEST DRAMA

****Deep End***

Directors/Creators: Youna Choi, Griffin Gunn-Myers, Mate Major
Harvard Westlake School, Studio City, CA

Le Mime Chantant

Director: Dexter Gardner

Milliken Middle School, Sherman Oaks, CA

BEST COMEDY

****Don't Mess With Grandpa***

Production at Road Scholar Summer Camp

Team: Cohen Love, Cheryl Love, George Love,

Ian Granda, Joanne Misener, Karen Peck, Sebastian Peck

Glendale Hilton Hotel, Glendale, CA

BEST ANIMATION

****Operation Relocation***

Director/Writer/Animator: Reed McFeely

Mercer Middle School, Seattle, WA

The Gift

Director/Writer/Producer: Kai Armstrong

Clifton Middle School, Monrovia, CA

BEST DOCUMENTARY

****That Bites!***

Director/Writer/Editor: Jack Yanover

Wilmette Junior High School, Wilmette, IL

Embargo on Love

Director: Lauren Rothman

Harvard Westlake School, Studio City, CA



BEST MIXED MEDIA

****Curt Lowens: A Life of Changes***

Directors/Creators: Justin Binder, August Blum, Robert Carlson, Levi Glaser, George Khabbaz, Kayla Mossanen, Tammy Shine
Harvard Westlake School, Studio City, CA

BEST COMIC BOOK – ACTION, STYLE, ADVENTURE

****Star Races***

John Muir High School, CA
Drae Upshaw

BEST COMIC BOOK – MANGA STYLE

****Eyes of a Murderer (India)***

Chaswat Kakkar

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About the International Family Film Festival -- The International Family Film Festival (IFFF) celebrates the belief that family stories are more powerful, insightful and entertaining than ever. It champions the spirit and talents of indie, studio and international inspired productions. Annually, IFFF recognizes outstanding achievement in Film & Screenwriting, offering Feature, Short, & Student categories.

IFFF is a 501 ©(3) founded in 1994 by Chris Shoemaker, Suzanne Shoemaker, and Patte Dee McKee, to exhibit and advocate for the production of family films. Originally established in the City of Santa Clarita, a north Los Angeles County suburb that is rich with film history and lore dating back to the silent picture era, the IFFF has spent 8 years being hosted at Raleigh Studios in the heart of Hollywood. IFFF strives to deliver stories and films that are engaging and appropriate for all members of the family with themes that help define and challenge the definition of family. For more information, please visit www.iffilmfest.org

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