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Announcing CIFF's 2022 Jury Award Winners!

Calgary, AB - Each festival season, the Calgary International Film Festival welcomes esteemed jury members from across North America to recognize the year's most exceptional feature and short films, all of which are screening at the festival until October 2, 2022. With 11 awards and over \$25,000 in cash and prizes, CIFF is thrilled to announce this year's winners!

Please note, CIFF has added additional screenings of the winning films, as indicated below each winner.

\$10,000: RBC Emerging Canadian Artist Award

This juried award is given to the Canadian director who creates the best first or second narrative feature film.

Grand Jury Prize: I LIKE MOVIES, directed by Chandler Levack

Showtimes: Saturday October 1, 2022 6:15 PM

"For creating a universe that instantly transports us back to being in high school and reminding us of how being a teenager is fun, awkward and oftentimes painful - and for accurately representing the complicated relationships we have with our peers and parents, but more importantly, with ourselves. The jury has chosen to give the RBC Emerging Canadian Artist Award and the \$10,000 cash prize to Chandler Levack, for her debut feature, I LIKE MOVIES!"

\$5,000: DGC Canadian Documentary Award

This juried award is given to the Canadian director who creates the best documentary feature in the section.

Grand Jury Prize: THE PERFECT STORY, directed by Michelle Shephard

Showtimes: Sunday October 2, 2022 11:30 AM

Honourable Mention: AND STILL I SING, directed by Fazila Amiri

Special Jury Prize for the Spirit of Documentary: GEOGRAPHIES OF SOLITUDE, directed by Jacquelyn Mills

\$1,000: International Narrative Feature Award

In addition to the cash prize, the winner receives the first right of refusal for a distribution deal with Gravititas Ventures

Grand Jury Prize: PIAFFE, directed by Ann Oren

Honourable Mention: VIKING, directed by Stéphane Lafleur

“Visually captivating. A challenging exploration of gender and sexuality. With a unique voice, one can see the filmmakers’ background as a visual artist in the mise en scene.”

\$1000: International Documentary Feature Award

Grand Jury Prize: BUTTERFLY IN THE SKY, directed by Bradford Thomason & Brett Whitcomb.

Showtimes: Saturday October 1, 2022 1:45 PM

Honourable Mention): A BUNCH OF AMATEURS, directed by Kim Hopkins

Showtimes: Saturday October 1, 2022 3:45 PM

Special Jury Prize for Cinematography: CHILDREN OF THE MIST, directed by Hà Lê Diễm

\$2,500: Short Film Grand Jury Prize

Grand Jury Prize: CENSOR OF DREAMS, Leo Berne, Raphaël Rodriguez

ADDITIONAL PRIZES FOR SHORT FILMS

Showtime: Saturday October 1, 2022 1:15 PM

\$1,000 CAD: Live Action Short Film Award

NO GHOST IN THE MORGUE, directed by Marilyn Cooke

Honourable Mention: BINGE LOVING, directed by Thomas Deknop

\$1,000 CAD: Best Animated Short Film Award

Grand Jury Prize: THE FLYING SAILOR, directed by Amanda Forbis and Wendy Tilby

\$1,000 CAD: Documentary Short Film Award

FREEDOM SWIMMER, directed by Olivia Martin-McGuire

Honourable Mention: MY DUDUS, directed by Tom Krawczyk

\$1,000 CAD: Alberta Short Film Devon Bolton Memorial Award

Grand Jury Prize: AYOUNGMAN, directed by Holly Fortier and Larry Day

The winner also receives a \$10,000 Gift Card from William F. White International, Inc. towards the winner’s next project.

Please note: This film will not be re-screened in cinema, but is available to view online.

Honourable Mention: HARD LABOUR, directed by Apolla Echino

\$1,000 CAD: Student Short Film Award

Grand Jury Prize: HOLLYWOOD, directed by Leni Gruber, Alex Reinberg

\$500 CAD: Youth by Youth Canada Short Film Award

Grand Jury Prize: IS THIS THE PLACE? Directed by Maxwell Couture

The winner also receives a 50% scholarship to Vancouver Film School valued at up to \$18,000 and a \$2,500 Gift Card from William F. White International, Inc. towards the winner's next project.

"IS THIS THE PLACE provides a contemplative and patient film that never rushes. The cinematography is very deliberate and the shots are beautifully composed; each one feels necessary and well thought out without being obvious. As our lead character interacts with the various other characters and places throughout the film, the story reveals itself without ever leading the audience too forcefully. The emphasis remains on the character and not the plot, allowing the audience to make their own conclusions about the details of what is in the coffee canister and why it's a difficult decision to figure out where to open it. That can be a risky choice as a filmmaker, but it pays off here with an interesting and understated film."

Youth by Youth Canada Short Film Special Jury Award for Documentary

THE LIFE ARTIST, directed by Heather Addison

Stay tuned for the 2022 CIFF AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARDS - PRESENTED BY TELUS

The best of the fest, decided by the fans themselves! Most films at the festival are eligible for our Audience Awards and are based on the collective score of the audience ballots collected at each screening online and in-cinema. Winners will be announced after the festival.

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About the Calgary International Film Festival

Founded in 2000, the Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF) is a not-for-profit charitable organization that brings films and filmmakers from around the world to Calgary for its annual Fall festival and year-round programming. CIFF is now the largest event of its kind in Alberta and the sixth largest film festival in Canada, bringing audiences together for remarkable and engaging cinematic experiences.

CIFF is proud to present its hybrid festival from September 22 - October 2, 2022 with in-cinema screenings and at-home streaming, celebrating stand-out stories and experiences.

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