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CIFF Announce the 2022 Telus Audience Choice Award Winners!

CALGARY, AB - The Calgary International Film Festival, presented by connectFirst Credit Union, wrapped up its 23rd annual edition on Sunday October 2, and is excited to announce the Telus Audience Choice Award winners, which are based on the collective scores of audience ballots collected throughout the festival.

"The audience clearly responded to the diverse selections of films - from the witty and clever to the timely and challenging. It's also great to see that over half of the feature Audience Choice Awards went to women filmmakers," said Brian Owens, CIFF's Artistic Director.

"We congratulate all of this year's winners and want to thank our audience for making this festival such a success."

TELUS AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD WINNERS

Audience Choice Award Alberta Feature

[FRANCHESKA: PRAIRIE QUEEN](#)

Director: Laura O'Grady

Audience Choice Award Canadian Narrative Feature

[I LIKE MOVIES](#)

Director: Chandler Levack

Audience Choice Award Canadian Documentary Feature

[752 IS NOT A NUMBER](#)

Director: Babak Payami

Audience Choice International Narrative Feature

[CALL JANE](#)

Director: Phyllis Nagy

Audience Choice Award International Documentary Feature

[THE PEZ OUTLAW](#)

Directors: Bryan Storkel, Amy Bandlien Storkel

Audience Choice Award Late Shift

[FINAL CUT](#)

Director: Michel Hazanavicius

Audience Choice Award Generation Next

[BUTTERFLY IN THE SKY](#)

Directors: Bradford Thomason, Brett Whitcomb

Audience Choice Award Music on Screen

[BUFFY SAINTE-MARIE: CARRY IT ON](#)

Director: Madison Thomas

Audience Choice Award Special Presentations

[WOMEN TALKING](#)

Director: Sarah Polley

Audience Choice Award Alberta Short

[PIITA AAAAAAPASSKAAN](#)

Director: Brock Davis Mitchell

Audience Choice Award Narrative Short

[NIGHT RIDE](#)

Director: Eirik Tveiten

Audience Choice Award Animated Short

[CORVINE](#)

Director: Sean McCarron

Audience Choice Award Documentary Short

[FREEDOM SWIMMER](#)

Director: Olivia Martin-McGuire

This year's Top 10 Narrative Features are (alphabetical order):

- BONES OF CROWS
- BROKER
- BROTHER
- CALL JANE
- CLOSE
- FATHER OF NATIONS
- I LIKE MOVIES
- THE BLUE CAFTAN
- THE MAIDEN
- WOMEN TALKING

CIFF's Top 10 Documentary Features (alphabetical order):

- 752 IS NOT A NUMBER
- BUFFY SAINTE-MARIE: CARRY IT ON
- BUTTERFLY IN THE SKY
- FRANCHESKA: PRAIRIE QUEEN
- ICE BREAKER: THE 1972 SUMMIT SERIES
- INSANITY
- IT AIN'T OVER
- TAKE ME TO THE RIVER: NEW ORLEANS
- THE PEZ OUTLAW
- THE RETURN OF TANYA TUCKER: FEATURING BRANDI CARLILE

Top 10 Shorts:

- AYOUNGMAN
- CORVINE
- FREEDOM SWIMMER
- HARD LABOUR
- KIKINO KIDS
- MINK!
- MY NEIGHBOUR IS A BEAR
- NIGHT RIDE
- PIITA AAPASSKAAN
- THE DIAMOND

"As a first-time sponsor we are thrilled to have been part of such an incredibly successful festival this year. We're truly blown away by the calibre of talent displayed in all the films and we're honoured to be able to bring this kind of world-class experience to the Calgary community and support local artists to help showcase their work on a global stage," said Teri Buckley, connectFirst Credit Union Senior Vice President, Brand & Reputation.

UP NEXT AT CIFF

Top Docs brings six of the year's most talked-about docs to local audiences. Rich with diverse perspectives and a spectrum of filmmaking styles, these documentaries will fascinate, inspire, enlighten and entertain! The series will kick off with **BAD AXE**, Directed by David Siev, on November 2, 2022.

Global Perspectives takes local audiences around the globe with six of the year's most talked-about films. This collection of exciting worldly films will make their Calgary debuts at Globe Cinema on the third Wednesday of each month - stay tuned for more information coming soon!

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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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