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CALGARY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2025 AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD WINNERS

CALGARY, AB - The Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF), presented by Servus Credit Union, proudly announces the winners of the 2025 Audience Choice Awards, with the Special Presentation Feature Award going to **JOHN CANDY: I LIKE ME**, Directed by Colin Hanks. The awards, presented by TELUS originals, are determined by audience votes collected throughout the 11-day festival, which concluded on Sunday, September 28.

This year's awards reflect the diverse range of voices and stories that resonated most with CIFF audiences across multiple categories, from Canadian and international features to short films and documentaries.

"It's always exciting to see which films connect most deeply with our audiences," said Brian Owens, CIFF's Artistic Director. "Huge congratulations to all the filmmakers and for the support of Calgary's film-loving community. Their enthusiasm and passion makes it possible for us to continue growing CIFF and showcasing outstanding stories from around the world."

2025 CIFF Audience Choice Award Winners, Presented by TELUS originals

Feature Film Audience Choice Awards

Audience Choice Award - Special Presentations
[JOHN CANDY: I LIKE ME, directed by Colin Hanks](#)

Audience Choice Award - Alberta Spotlight
[SINGHS IN THE RING, directed by Akash Sherman](#)

Audience Choice Award - Canadian Narrative
[RACEWALKERS, directed by Phil Moniz and Kevin Claydon](#)

Audience Choice Award - Canadian Documentary
[THE PITCH, directed by Michele Hozer](#)

Audience Choice Award - New American Cinema

[THE BALTIMORONS, directed by Jay Duplass](#)

Audience Choice Award - Contemporary World Cinema

[GROW, directed by John McPhail](#)

Audience Choice Award - International Documentary

[COME SEE ME IN THE GOOD LIGHT, directed by Ryan White](#)

Audience Choice Award - After Dark

[QUEENS OF THE DEAD, directed by Tina Romero](#)

Audience Choice Award - Music on Screen

[BIF NAKED, directed by Pollyanna Hardwicke-Brown](#)

Short Film Audience Choice Awards

Audience Choice Award - Alberta Short

[SEND AND RECEIVE, directed by Dominique Keller](#)

Audience Choice Award - Live Action Short

[NO SKATE!, directed by Guil Sela](#)

Audience Choice Award - Animated Short

[RETIREMENT PLAN, directed by John Kelly](#)

Audience Choice Award - Documentary Short

[REPLAY, directed by Phil Mazo](#)

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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 26th festival from September 18 – September 28, 2025 with in-cinema screenings, celebrating stand-out stories and offering once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

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