CINEQUEST FILM & CREATIVITY FESTIVAL WRAP

March 19, 2019  The Cinequest Film & Creativity Festival wrapped, announcing its award winners, following the unveiling of 132 World and U.S. Premiere Films & VR plus 75 creative experiences including augmented realities, writing, dance, theatre, music, and comedy. Eleven hundred artists and innovators from 56 countries presented to record audiences of 110,000 in the Silicon Valley (San Jose & Redwood City, California). Cinequest Film & Creativity Festival 2020 will occur next March 3rd – 15th.

"What differentiates Cinequest is the meeting of innovation and art. You’ll find this reflected in our Leadership Council which includes legendary innovators Steve Wozniak (co-founder Apple Inc.) and Marty Cooper (father of the cell phone), as well as producers, writers, educators, and entrepreneurs. The commonality is creativity. Thus, it was natural for the Cinequest Festival to evolve from a film festival to a film & creativity festival. This expanded vision was a hit this year, and Cinequest will build upon it for our 2020 edition. Our team is very excited to produce and unveil this vision." Halfdan Hussey, Co-Founder & CEO, Cinequest

MAVERICK SPIRIT AWARD HONOREES

• ELLE FANNING
• NANDITA DAS
• BILL NIGHY
• ESTHER WOJCICKI (Life of a Maverick)

JURY FILM AWARDS

BEST NARRATIVE FEATURE FILM: DRAMA
Mine 9
Director: Edward Mensore
Producers: Anaitte Vaccaro, Charles Rashard, Jeffery C. Foy, Edward Mensore

BEST NARRATIVE FEATURE FILM: COMEDY
The Bra
Director: Veit Helmer
Producer: Veit Helmer

BEST HORROR, THRILLER, SCIENCE FICTION FEATURE FILM
Last Sunrise
Director: Wen Ren
Producers: Li Mingqian, Li Xinran
BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE FILM
Clean Hands
Director: Michael Dominic
Producer: Michael Dominic

VISIONARY AWARD
Senior Escort Service
Director: Shaina Feinberg
Producers: Elisabeth Durkin, Chris Manley

GLOBAL VISION AWARD
A Shelter Among The Clouds
Director: Robert Budina
Producer: Sabina Kodra

BEST TELEVISION PILOT, LONG FORM
Undercover
Director: Eshref Reybrouck, Frank Devos
Producers: Nico Moolenaar, Jan Theys

BEST NARRATIVE SHORT FILM: DRAMA
Arcángel
Director: Angeles Cruz
Producer: Glory Mascorro

BEST NARRATIVE SHORT FILM: COMEDY
Pozole
Director: Jessica Mendez Siqueiros
Producer: Jessica Mendez Siqueiros & Jenn Garcia

BEST ANIMATED SHORT FILM
Guaxuma
Director: Nara Normande
Producers: Damien Megherbi, Justin Pechberty, Livia Melo

BEST HORROR, THRILLER, SCI-FI SHORT FILM
Loa’s Promise
Director: Joshua Dawson
Producers: Jaime Gesundheit

BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT FILM
Nazi VR
Director: David Freid
Producers: David Freid

BEST SHORT FORM TELEVISION PILOT, SHORT FORM
Work/Friends
Director: Rodrigo Garcia
Producers: Tom Bailey, Ed Mccarthy, Douglas Sarine

BEST MUSIC VIDEO
The Night of My Death
Director: Josh Peterson
Producers: Alexis Harte, Josh Peterson

**BEST COLLEGE SHORT FILM**
Before Dark
Director: Aaron Smithson
Producers: Colby Higgins, Aaron Smithson, Ellen Rice

**BEST HIGH SCHOOL SHORT FILM**
Nina Saiza
Director: Yangfang (Frances) Chen
Producers: Yangfang (Frances) Chen

**AUDIENCE FILM AWARDS**

**AUDIENCE AWARD: BEST COMEDY FEATURE**
The Social Ones
Director: Laura Kosann
Producers: Raven Jensen, Laura Kosann

**AUDIENCE AWARD: BEST DRAMA--TIE**
The Public
Director: Emilio Estevez
Producers: Emilio Estevez, Alex Lebovici, Steve Ponce, Lisa Niedenthal

**AUDIENCE AWARD: BEST DRAMA--TIE**
Bring Me An Avocado
Director: Maria Mealla
Producers: Bianca Beyrouti, Alex Mallonee, Natalie Coneely, Natasha Chee

**AUDIENCE AWARD: BEST DOCUMENTARY**
Travel Ban: Make America Laugh Again
Director: Samy Chouia
Producer: Kevin Derek

**AUDIENCE AWARD: BEST SHORT FILM**
Freaks of Nurture
Director: Alexandra Lemay
Producer: Maral Mohammadian

**VR & AR AWARDS**

**BEST IMMERSIVE**
Eclipse
Directed by Jonathan Astruc and Aymeric Favre

**BEST VR FILM**
RocketMan 360
Directed by Gabriela Hirit / Millo Simulov
BEST EXPERIENCE
Jurassic World VR Expedition
Directed by VRC

BEST GAME
Moss
Directed by Tam Armstrong, Danny Bulla, Chris Alderson, Polyarc

BEST PUZZLE GAME
Twilight Path
Directed by Derek Young, Charm Games

BEST SCI-FI VR
Volt: Chaos Gem
Directed by Hyun Suk Lee

BEST DOCUMENTARY/EMPATHY
Send Me Home
Directed by Cassandra Evanisko, LonelyLeap

BEST HORROR
Caliban Below
Directed by Michael Conelly

BEST ANIMATION
1inchVR
Directed by Nam Koong Seok / Kim Yong Hwan, M2S Korea

BEST EDUCATIONAL
Breaking Boundaries in Science
Directed by Matt Haselton, Filament Games

BEST STUDENT
Blue Bird
Directed by Parnaz Rad

BEST VR DIRECTOR
Crow: The Legend VR
Directed by Eric Darnell

BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY
Love Note
Directed by Guanlin Chen

BEST PRODUCTION DESIGN
Re-Animated
Directed by Jakob Kudsk Steensen

BEST SOUND DESIGN
Sanctuaries of Silence
Adam Loften & Emmanuel Vaughan-Lee
SCREENWRITING AWARDS

BEST FEATURE LENGTH SCRIPT
Mica
Screenwriter: Ilisa Aaron Parrish

2nd Place: Splashdown
Screenwriter: Don Stroud

3rd Place: Ship of Lies
Screenwriter: William Colella

BEST SHORTS SCREENPLAY
Invisible Monster
Screenwriter: Matt Harris-Freeth

2nd Place: Page Turner
Screenwriter: Mac Roussel

3rd Place: I, Sphere
Screenwriter: Andrew Gay

BEST 30 MINUTE TELEPLAY
Gentrified
Screenwriter: Edward Coffey

2nd Place: Unplugged: Assemble the Trolls
Screenwriter: Adam Tootles

3rd Place: Ultra/Violet
Screenwriter: Jennifer Mondfrans

BEST 60 MINUTE SCREENPLAY
Gemini Baby
Screenwriter: Janalyn Steele

2nd Place: Fix
Screenwriter: Jeff Bower

3rd Place: The Divinity Cycle
Screenwriter: Nelson Downend

About Cinequest:
The story and legacy of Cinequest is bringing together the Silicon Valley’s technologies and spirit of innovation with the arts to empower great creations—and connecting audiences, youth, artists, and innovators with these creations and with each other, improving our lives and our future. Cinequest’s uniqueness and impact result from being ahead of the curve in the powerful integration of creativity and innovation. Cinequest does this through the Cinequest Film & Creativity Festival (Voted Best Film Festival by USA Today Readers) and Picture The Possibilities by Cinequest. Please watch The Story of Cinequest video.
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