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CINEQUEST 2022 DATES **Cinequest 2021 Wrap** **A year of Innovation and Elevating** **Virtual Experiences for Artists and Audiences**

December 10, 2021 (Silicon Valley)—Cinequest wraps a year of delivering exciting virtual events and experiences via its Cinejoy online platform. Cinequest delivered over 300 premiere films plus 200 live and interactive events and parties, serving global audiences from 58 countries. Cinequest announces 2021 Award Winners and the 2022 In-person and Virtual dates.

CINEQUEST IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL EVENTS IN 2022

- **Cinequest's In-Person Festival returns to the Silicon Valley August 16-28**, sporting an exciting new summer format designed to provide an electrifying celebration of film, media-tech, and community.
- **Cinejoy featuring the Artists & Movies of Cinequest will occur virtually April 1-17** and in the Fall and will feature new experiences to enhance the humanity and excitement of online events.

CINEQUEST 2021 HIGHLIGHTS & AWARDS:

- Cinequest's sister company, Creatics, with a team of Silicon Valley UX/UI designers and global engineers, built an exciting new platform to support all forms of creativity. In March of 2021, the first experience launched, the alpha of the online edition of the Cinequest Festival, called CINEJOY Alpha 1, featuring 199 Films (including 111 World & U.S. Premieres), Virtual Red Carpets, Industry Panels, Technology Showcases, and Celebrations. In November 2021, CINEJOY Alpha 2, featured over 187 Showcase films, shorts, and pilots, 13 Spotlight films with short film premieres, red carpets, and screening parties. Overall, we saw audiences and artists join us from all 50 states and 58 countries.
- Cinequest's Maverick Spirit Award, its highest honor, recognized Artists, Innovators, and people who step outside the bounds of the normal to take risks and create something special. 2021 guest recipients included: **Sam Neill, Eddie Izzard, and Darren Star.**

- 2021 included empowering conversations with special guests including **Rosario Dawson, Lee Daniels, Katie Couric, Andra Day, Troian Bellisario, Teagan Croft, Mena Suvari, Alec Baldwin, Thomas Jane**, and many more!

[PLEASE CHECK OUT THE CINEJOY HIGHLIGHTS VIDEO](#)

CINEQUEST 2021 AWARDS:

Cinequest is thrilled to announce the 2021 Festival Awards for Films, Shorts, Television, VR/AR and screenplays.



JURY FILM AWARDS

BEST FEATURE FILM: DRAMA

Death of a Ladies' Man

Director: Matt Bissonnette

Producers: Corey Marr, John Brady, Don Carmody, Aleksandr Kushaev, Matina Niland, Marie-Claude Poulin

See You Then

Director: Mari Walker

Producers: Matt Miller, Mia Schulman, Kristen Uno, Mari Walker

BEST FEATURE FILM: COMEDY

Pretenders

Director: Tristen Stafford

Producers: James Canellos, Adam Gale

Reboot Camp

Director: Ivo Raza

Producers: David Lipper, Tina Sutakanat

BEST FEATURE FILM: DOCUMENTARY

Anchor Point

Director: Holly Tuckett

Producers: Holly Tuckett, Jennifer Dobner, Maddy Purves

Soy Cubana

Directors: Jeremy Ungar, Ivaylo Getov

Producer: Robin Miller Ungar

SPECIAL JURY AWARD: DOCUMENTARY

Non Western

Director: Laura Plancarte

Producers: LP Films, TV UNAM, & The Montana Film Office

BEST HORROR, THRILLER, SCIENCE FICTION FEATURE FILM

A Beautiful Curse

Director: Martin Garde Abildgaard

Producer: Rikke Katborg

Silent River

Director: Chris Chan Lee

Producers: Chris Chan Lee, Robert Cho, West Liang

VISIONARY AWARD

Beneath the Banyan Tree

Director: Nani Li Yang

Producers: Nani Li Yang, Troy Chiu, Yue Wang

The Sleeping Negro

Director: Skinner Myers

Producers: John Campbell, Matt Palmieri, Dan Funes, Alex Noel McCarthy, Skinner Myers

GLOBAL VISION AWARD

Landless

Director: Touraj Aslani

Producer: Touraj Aslani

The First Death of Joana

Director: Cristiane Oliveira

Producers: Aleteia Selonk, Cristiane Oliveira

BEST TELEVISION EPISODE

Parked in America

Director: Luke Salin

Producers: Cole Bannick, Jori Johnson, Alexandro Pacheco, Ann Swenson

Parent's Committee

Director: Michail Polyakov

Producers: Vyacheslav Murugov, Fyodor Bondarchuk, Anton Fedotov

BEST SHORT FILM: DRAMA

Americanized

Director: Erica Eng

Producer: Simran Mahal

Shut Up

Director: Noa Aharoni Maor

Producer: Dafna Danenberg

BEST SHORT FILM: COMEDY

Je Suis Ton Père

Director: Justine Le Pottier

Producer: Alexandre Dohan

Navel Gazers

Director: Kimmy Gatewood

Producers: Lauren Bancroft, Kimmy Gatewood, Matthew C. Johnson, Annie Mebane, Devin Doyle

BEST ANIMATED SHORT FILM

Footsteps on the Wind

Directors: Maya Sanbar, Faga Melo, Gustavo Leal

Producers: Gillian Gordon, Fernanda Zaffari

Thanadoula

Director: Robin McKenna

Producers: Robin McKenna, Jelena Popovic

BEST FAMILY SHORT FILM

Stairs

Director: Zoljargal Purevdash

Producer: Genevieve Clay-Smith

The Important Day

Director: Olesia Aleinikova

BEST HORROR, THRILLER, SCI-FI SHORT FILM

While We Stayed Home

Director: Gil Vesely

Producer: Gil Vesely

You Will Never Be Back

Director: Mónica Mateo

Producer: Mónica Mateo

BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT FILM

Lion on the Mat

Director: Asali Echols

Voice Above Water

Director: Dana Frankoff

Producers: Dana Frankoff, Eric Ebner

BEST STUDENT SHORT FILM

Greta

Director: Sofie Verweyen

This River

Director: Naomi Fryer

Producers: Naomi Fryer, Katherine Shearer

BEST MUSIC VIDEO

Ghost Girl

Director: Christopher Kezelos

Producer: Christine Kezelo

AUDIENCE FILM AWARDS

AUDIENCE AWARDS, FEATURE COMEDY

One Moment

Director: Deirdre O'Connor

Producers: Deirdre O'Connor, Jodi Weiner

AUDIENCE AWARDS, FEATURE DRAMA

Last Night in Rozzie

Director: Sean Gannet

Producers: Ryan McDonough, Sean Gannet, Joseph Stephans, Kris Meyer, Andrew Cahill

Lune

Directors: Aviva Armour-Ostroff, Arturo Perez Torres

Producers: Aviva Armour-Ostroff, Arturo Perez Torres

AUDIENCE AWARDS, FEATURE DOCUMENTARY

A Sexplanation

Director: Alex Liu

Producer: Steven Flynn

AUDIENCE AWARDS, FEATURE THRILLER, HORROR, OR SCI-FI

Slapface

Director: Jeremiah Kipp

Producers: Mike Manning, Artisha Mann-Cooper, Joe Benedetto

AUDIENCE AWARDS, SHORT FILM

Americanized

Director: Erica Eng

Producer: Simran Mahal

Egg Party

Director: Kersti Bryan

Producers: Ashton Heyl, Claire Kennedy, Max Rothman, Dan Amboyer, Eric P. Berger



VR & AR AWARDS

BEST ANIMATION VR

In the Land of the Flabby Schnook

BEST IMMERSIVE VR

My Identity is the Expanse!

BEST STUDENT VR

Amends

BEST VR CINEMATOGRAPHY

Ecosphere

BEST DOCUMENTARY/EMPATHY VR

Replacements

BEST VR EXPERIENCE

Baba Yaga

BEST VR GAME

Flow Weaver

BEST VR MOVIE

People to People

BEST VR SCI-FI

Odyssey 1.4.9

BEST VR SOUND DESIGN

Nightsss

BEST VR STORYTELLING

Don't Forget Me

MOST CREATIVE VR

The Vanishing American Dream

MOST INNOVATIVE VR

Micro Monsters with David Attenborough

SCREENWRITING WINNERS & FINALISTS

FEATURE FINALISTS

WINNER: *Rise Up Little Girl* by Matthew J. Avant

2nd: *Swing And A Miss* by Barbara Thornton

3rd: *Aphrodite & The Apocalypse* by Stacie Gancayco-Adlao

Queen of Newburgh by Lisa Cole & Veronica Moody

Icky People by Blaire Baron

The Big D by Michael Weinreb

4 Fine Women by Keith Planit

Bird's Eye by Erin Beute

Salt West by Samuel Ripley Peirce

Brave Woman by Melissa Duges Spiers

SHORT-FILM FINALISTS

WINNER: *Answers* by Scott Tinkham

2nd: *Feliz Navidad* by Edward Tyndall

3rd: *Mothership* by Brianne Berkson

Bad Reception by Louise Lonergan

Libra by Matt Seroski

De Pachanga by Juan Carlos Sanchez & Richard Rennie

The 45th Annual Model United Nations All-Star All-School Conference by Zoe Maltby

Ravens by Patrick Gamble

Far From the Olive Grove by Andrea Land

Kingmaker by Bradley Coburn

TELEPLAY 60-MINUTE FINALISTS

WINNER: *Drafting* by Carol Faw

2nd: *The Shadow King* by Chris A. Bolton

3rd: *Ex Humana* by Helena Zhen

Breakaway by Tom O'Brien

Acceptance by Nick Childress and Jesse Eisenhardt

Land of Eagles by Isaac Banuelos

Under Cover of Darkness by Paul Raasch

Everything's Fine by Cole Goslee

The Bliss Killer by LeLe Park

Highland Drive by Rosalyn Rosen

TELEPLAY 30-MINUTE FINALISTS

WINNER: *Rise of the Immortals* by Alan Sim
2nd: *Wild Life* by Carmiel Banasky
3rd: *Wheels of Government* by Mary Kay Holmes & Jeanette Scherrer
Ether 101 – The Handshake by Sabina Petra
Standard, Nebraska by Edward Hamel
Sous Weed by Joel Handler
Trivial by Rob Salerno
Love Lives by Allyson Morgan
BUDS by Alexis Aurigemma
The Killer B's by Dave Chan

About Cinequest: [Cinequest](#) fuses innovation with the arts to empower great creations and to connect audiences, youth, artists, and innovators with these creations and with each other—forging community, joy, and our future. Set in Silicon Valley, Cinequest's uniqueness, impact, and legacy result from applying this powerful integration of creativity and technology to democratize opportunity and to transform lives. Cinequest does this through the [Cinequest Film & Creativity Festival](#), Mavericks Studio, and [Picture The Possibilities](#) global youth programs.

Experience the JOY of cinema, artists, and community! Much more than a movie, [CINEJOY](#) is an online experience that brings you film and live events through a community and platform designed for discovery and engagement.

Cinequest CINEJOY March 2021 Partners (*partial list*)

TJ & Valeta Rodgers, Clos De La Tech, Jennifer Krach, Ramona Reichl, James Boyce Trust & Kris Otis, Eddie Lira, The Wolff Family, Applied Materials (NASDAQ: AMAT), Kaiser Permanente, ZOOM (NASDAQ: ZM), Tito's Handmade Vodka, Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, Hint Water, Agile Ticketing Solutions, SV Creates, The Morrison & Foerster Foundation, NBC Bay Area, Telemundo 48, iHeartMedia, El Observador, Metro, Yelp South Bay, the City of San Jose, and Redwood City Arts Commission.

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