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CINEQUEST FILM & CREATIVITY FESTIVAL WRAP & AWARDS

SILICON VALLEY— The 2023 Summer Edition of the Cinequest Film & Creativity Festival completed a thrilling and successful 16 days. Cinequest showcased 200 films (84 World or U.S. Premieres) presented by 400 artists from 54 countries.

On Closing Night, Cinequest honored 32 deserving artists with awards for their creative Films, Shorts, VR, Pilots, or Screenplays. Please see the Winners below.

JURY FILM AWARDS

BEST NARRATIVE FEATURE FILM: DRAMA

Kaymak

Director: Milcho Manchevski
Producer: Jane Kortoshev
United States Premiere

BEST NARRATIVE FEATURE FILM: DRAMA

Valley of Exile

Director: Anna Fahr
Producer(s): Anna Fahr, Lara Abou Saifan
World Premiere

BEST NARRATIVE FEATURE FILM: COMEDY

Egghead & Twinkie

Director: Sarah Kambe Holland
Producer(s): Danielle Fountaine, Sarah Kambe Holland, Valerie Starks
World Premiere

BEST HORROR, THRILLER, SCIENCE FICTION FEATURE FILM

Share?

Director: Ira Rosensweig
Producer(s): Carissa Buffel, Kevin Matusow, Ira Rosensweig
World Premiere

BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE FILM

A Cautionary Tale

Director: Ilinca Calugareanu
Producer(s): Mara Adina, Anamaria Antoci
United States Premiere

GLOBAL VISION AWARD

There Is No Rain In Hell

Director: Zahra Shahhatami

Producer: Ali Shahhatami
World Premiere

BEST NEW VISION AWARD

Till Love Do Us Part

Director: Ran Li
Producer(s): Ran Li, Michal Sikora
World Premiere

BEST NARRATIVE SHORT FILM: DRAMA

NISEI

Director: Darren Haruo Rae
Executive Producer: Barnaby Dallas
Producer(s): Jessica Olthof, Nick Martinez

BEST NARRATIVE SHORT FILM: COMEDY

Falling In Love With A#

Director: Kohei Hirota
Producer: Jun Kanaizuka

BEST ANIMATED SHORT FILM

The House of Loss

Director: JEON Jinkyu
Producer: Yamamura KOJI

BEST HORROR, THRILLER, SCI-FI SHORT FILM

Recovery of the Fallen

Director: Curtis Matzke
Producer: La Selva Ecosistema Creatiu

BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT FILM

From Dreams to Dust

Director(s): Stephanie Tangkilisan, Muhammad Fadli
Producer(s): Stephanie Tangkilisan, Muhammad Fadli

BEST MUSIC VIDEO

G FLIP – Waste of Space

Director: Nas Bogado
Producers(s): Nas Bogado, Ash Davis

BEST STUDENT SHORT FILM

Green Water

Director: Carlos Estrada
Executive Producer: Carlos Estrada
Producer(s): Arturo R. Jimenez, Marisela Campos

AUDIENCE FILM AWARDS

AUDIENCE AWARD: BEST COMEDY FEATURE

East Bay

Director: Daniel Loon
Executive Producer(s): Daniel Yoon, Edmund Sim, Andrew Tremayne, Alvin Ng, Earl Stuart, Chung-Bin Yoon, Taek-Soon Yoon

AUDIENCE AWARD: BEST DRAMA

Tabula Rasa

Director: Nawneet Ranjan

Producer(s): Malti Lal, Radha Raman Lal, Nawneet Ranjan, Anil Somaia, Zarna Somaia, Donna Laemmlen

AUDIENCE AWARD: BEST DOCUMENTARY

O Pioneer

Director: Clara Lehmann, Jonathan Lacocque

Executive Producer(s): Clara Lehmann, Jonathan Lacocque

Producer(s): Grace Lawson

VR & AR AWARDS

BEST EDUCATIONAL

David Attenborough's First Life

Director(s): Elliot Graves, Matthew Baker-Jones

Producer: Anthony Geffen

BEST INNOVATIVE

Plastisapiens

Director(s): Miri Chekhanovich, Edith Jorisch

Producer: Miri Chekhanovich

BEST NARRATIVE

STAY ALIVE, MY SON

Director: Victoria Bousis

Producer(s): Elodie Yung, Victoria Bousis

BEST GAME

Egression

Director: Avi Siegel

BEST STUDENT

Cycle of Violence

Director: Felicia Bergström

BEST DOCUMENTARY

Diagnosia

Director: Mengtai Zhang

Producer(s): Mengtai Zhang, Lemon Guo, Huang Yue

BEST ARTISTIC

KOMEZ ALEF O - The pain that lies within these letters

Director: Ioulia Isserlis

Producer(s): Ioulia Isserlis, Max Sacker

BEST TECHNOLOGY

Loverboy

Director: Nicholas Baldas

Producer(s): Nicholas Baldas, Michael Plumb

SCREENWRITING AWARDS

BEST FEATURE LENGTH SCRIPT

1st Place: *Breeder* by Alex Goyette

2nd Place: *American Girl* by Esther Park

3rd Place: *Sam Katt, Detective* by V.R. Marianne Zahn

4th Place: *Death at a Murder* by David Sajadi

BEST SHORTS SCREENPLAY

1st Place: *Bark & Boo* by Rodolfo Salas
2nd Place: *Wall* by Erin Cantelo
3rd Place: *Family is Familia* by Sara DelaHaya

BEST 30 MINUTE TELEPLAY

1st Place: *A Brat Blooms in Bushwick* by Judd Schlossberg
2nd Place: *Rhythm Changes* by Eddy Hewitt
3rd Place: *Cricket Club of Canon High* by Priya Mohanty

BEST 60 MINUTE SCREENPLAY

1st Place: *SPRINGTIME* by Danny Newell
2nd Place: *STARS AND STRIPES* by Andra Vebell
3rd Place: *The People Team* by Jonathan Weisbrod

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