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THAT'S A WRAP! Cinejoy featuring the Artists & Films of Cinequest 2021 Awards Announcement

April 23, 2021 (Silicon Valley)— Cinequest, reimaged virtually on a proprietary platform as *Cinejoy featuring the Artists & Films of Cinequest*, wrapped March 30 and presented a groundbreaking lineup of Live Spotlight Events, Live Parties, Red Carpets, and Lounges, plus 199 Showcase Films and Television (111 of which are World & U.S. Premieres) from 55 countries. Cinequest proudly presents the prestigious Award Winners:

MAVERICK SPIRIT AWARDS

Cinequest's highest award, the Cinequest Maverick Spirit Award, honors those who stand apart from the crowd, creating and innovating from a place of personal yet global vision. Past recipients include **Harrison Ford, Neil Gaiman, Nicolas Cage, J.J. Abrams, Alec Baldwin, Rosario Dawson, James Franco, Michael Keaton, Sir Ben Kingsley, Spike Lee, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Sir Ian McKellen, and Gus Van Sant**. This year's recipients are:

- **Eddie Izzard**
- **Sam Neill**
- **Darren Star**



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

BEST FEATURE FILM: COMEDY

Pretenders

Director: Tristen Stafford

Producers: James Canellos, Adam Gale

BEST FEATURE FILM: DOCUMENTARY

Anchor Point

Director: Holly Tuckett

Producers: Holly Tuckett, Jennifer Dobner, Maddy Purves

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

VISIONARY AWARD

Beneath the Banyan Tree

Director: Nani Li Yang

Producers: Nani Li Yang, Troy Chiu, Yue Wang

GLOBAL VISION AWARD

The First Death of Joana

Director: Cristiane Oliveira

Producers: Aleteia Selonk, Cristiane Oliveira

BEST TELEVISION PILOT

Parked in America

Director: Luke Salin

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

BEST SHORT FILM: DRAMA

Americanized

Director: Erica Eng

Producer: Simran Mahal

BEST SHORT FILM: COMEDY

Je Suis Ton Père

Director: Justine Le Pottier
Producer: Alexandre Dohan

BEST ANIMATED SHORT FILM

Footsteps on the Wind

Directors: Maya Sanbar, Faga Melo, Gustavo Leal
Producers: Gillian Gordon, Fernanda Zaffari

BEST FAMILY SHORT FILM

Stairs

Director: Zoljargal Purevdash
Producer: Genevieve Clay-Smith

BEST HORROR, THRILLER, SCI-FI SHORT FILM

While We Stayed Home

Director: Gil Vesely
Producer: Gil Vesely

BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT FILM

Lion on the Mat

Director: Asali Echols

BEST STUDENT SHORT FILM

Greta

Director: Sofie Verweyen

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. [CINEJOY](#), featuring the Artists and Movies of CINEQUEST, occurs March 20-30!

[CINEJOY](#) is hosted on the [CREATICS](#) platform that requires a quick, free registration that doubles as your registration and login when you purchase tickets to [CINEJOY](#) movies, events, and offerings.

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