

PRESTIGIOUS FILM FESTIVAL FOR EMERGING FILMMAKERS ANNOUNCES 2017 JURY AND AUDIENCE AWARD WINNERS

NFFTY is the world's largest and most influential film festival for emerging directors, showcasing work by filmmakers 24 and younger from around the globe. NFFTY returned for its 11th consecutive year April 27 - April 30 in Seattle, Washington with thousands attending the festival. This year's festival featured 257 films from 25 states and 27 countries, with directors ranging from age 6 to 24 years. The award winners – including jury, audience and special awards – have been announced.

The winning school of the 48 HOUR FILM OFF will receive a \$1000 cash prize for their school. NEW TALENT AWARDS (Ages 14 and Under, 15 - 19, and 20 - 24) will receive Magic Bullet color correction software suites from Red Giant. Winner of BEST EMERGING FEMALE FILMMAKER will receive a G-Tech Hard Drive. Winner of STORY STARTS HERE will receive \$500 cash prize and all finalists of STORY STARTS HERE will receive a Final Draft scriptwriting software license.

JURY AWARDS:

BEST NARRATIVE SHORT - Buckets - Julia Jones
BEST DOCUMENTARY – I'm Free - Edvard Karijord
BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM – Ok, Call Me Back - Emily Ann Hoffman
BEST MUSIC VIDEO – Atlas World – Morgana McKenzie
BEST ANIMATION – Reflections - Morgan Gruer
BEST 360° FILM Presented by Oculus - Parched - Adam Hersko
BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY - Princess Yun - Tiger Tse
BEST EMERGING FEMALE FILMMAKER - Emma Penaz Eisner - There's More Than One Way To Skin A Man

NEW TALENT:

AGE 14 AND UNDER presented by Relativity School – Alina Foley - Denial
AGE 15-19 – Chelsea Eisen - Daisy Head Mayzie
AGE 20-24 – Justin Leyba – The Alien, Nate

48 HOUR FILM OFF:

1ST PLACE – Roosevelt High School
Honorable Mention - Tahoma Senior High

THE DOROTHY AWARD

Annabelle Attanasio - Frankie Keeps Talking

STATION NEXT AWARD

Isabella Pierson

STORY STARTS HERE: SCREENPLAY COMPETITION WINNER

WINNER: Emily Yue - Love Bruises

Finalists of the STORY STARTS HERE competition:

- *River Fork* - Vuk Lungulov-Klotz
- *Gray* - Liv Coron
- *Hello, Goodbye* - AJ Lodge

AUDIENCE AWARDS:

OPENING NIGHT - Frankie Keeps Talking - Annabelle Attanasio

AFTERNOON ECLECTIC - Warm Springs - Sean Wang, Nic De Bellis, Sam Davis, Rayka Zehtabchi

A GUIDE TO GROWING UP - Damn Graduation - Emlie Beck, Jon-Andre Hakvog

CINEMATIC JOURNEY - The Tale of The Glass Dome - Mauritz Solberg

FEMME FRIDAY - A Horse Named Allan - Tanne Sommer

HAPPY FRIDAY SHORTS - Hi-Glow Retro - Alex Morsanutto

DOUBLE DISCOVERY - The Light Ground - Lukas V ath

FRIDAY NIGHT SHORTS - The Alternative - Sachin Dharwadker

POWERFUL GRIT - Satisfaction Guaranteed - Yue Ma

THE LAST LAUGH - Chainsaw Charlie - Dan Lesser

BRING THE KIDS - Brave Boy - Alejandro Lombard

THE HUMAN RACE - The New Europeans - Johannes Skov Andersen, Aske Petersen, Peter Kappel

ART IN MOTION - Fish Hook and Eye - Chloe Atkas, Kevin Rios, Lucy Ross, Andrew Hebert

COME AS YOU ARE - Transformative - Krystelle Kurz, Claire Elliott, Sorcha Marron

MUSICAL MASTERPIECE - Vulfpeck - Back Pocket - Tim Hendrix

A GLOBE LESS TRAVELED - Lau & Laudrup - Charlotte Brodthagen

CENTERPIECE - Ampersand - Charlotte Dewulf

EXPERIMENTAL VISIONS - Continue? - Tony Weaver, Jr.

EDGE OF YOUR SEAT - Lamia - Arturo Alanis, Remington Long, Sam Wolff, David Britton

LIGHTEN UP! - Northern Belles - Lael Rogers, Christian Leonard, Maddie Downes, Isabela de Compos

#UpperLeftUSA - Baby - Ryan Zemke

REEL ANIMATION - ei: emotional intelligence - Dennis Sungmin Kim, Adam Parham, Nicholas Escobar

OUTTA THIS WORLD - Beside Myself - Jack McCafferty, Madison McMahon, Anthony Marotta

STORIES OF US - Gardeners of The Forest - Ceylan Carhoglu, Nicole Jordan Webber

VARIETY HOUR - Paint By Number Person - Peyton Miller

CLOSING NIGHT - AMERICAN DREAMS - Hell You Talmbout - Tyler Rabinowitz, Denzel Boyd

About NFFTY

NFFTY is the largest and most influential film festival in the world for young filmmakers. NFFTY occurs each spring in Seattle and includes over 200 film screenings, panels, contests, parties and networking opportunities for emerging filmmakers. Filmmakers from around the world submit feature-length and short films in narrative, documentary, animation, music video, and experimental categories. This year, NFFTY launched a dive into 360° and virtual reality with the first of its kind 360° gallery, bootcamp, and panel that are aimed at young filmmakers. Since its launch in 2007, NFFTY has screened films from over 2,000 filmmakers, ranging in age from 6 – 24 years. For updates and news on NFFTY, visit www.NFFTY.org or www.facebook.com/nffty.

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