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8TH ANNUAL CHELSEA FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES ITS 2020 WINNERS

New York, October 19, 2020 — The 8th Annual Edition of Chelsea Film Festival announces its list of winners on Sunday, October 18th (rf. below by category) broadcasted live on FilmFestival+. The Closing Awards was presented by Festival Founder & Director **Ingrid Jean-Baptiste** and Actor, Producer **James Donahower**.

CFF held its 2020 Edition virtually on FilmFestival+ (also accessible through Apple TV) from October 15-18, 2020 and introduced American and foreign films to the public.

The lineup has exceptionally been extended for viewing until Sunday, October 25th.

FEATURE FILMS

Grand Prix Award for Best Picture – HIVE by Eylem Kaftan

Special Jury Award – A CASE OF BLUE by Dana H. Glazer

Best Documentary – RE-INVENTING THE WHEEL by Chelsea McEvoy

Best Cinematography – Serdar Unluturk for HIVE

Best Screenplay – Eylem Kaftan for HIVE

Best Director – Eylem Kaftan for HIVE

Best Actress – Meryem Uzerli in HIVE

Best Supporting Actress – Brittany Molnar in DONNA STRONGER THAN PRETTY

Best Actor – Stephen Schnetzer in A CASE BLUE

Best Supporting Actor – Hakan Karsak in HIVE

Special Mention – DONNA STRONGER THAN PRETTY by Jaret Martino

Audience Award for Best Feature Film – GREYSCALE by Yaniel Paulino

SHORT FILMS

Petite Prix for Best Short Film – HIGH SCORE by Serena Ryen and Ethan Itzkow

Special Jury Award – NOW YOU SEE US by Romina Schwedler

Best Documentary – OPIOIDEMIC by Ilja Willems

Best Cinematography – Austin Ball for MISFIT M.

Best Screenplay – Lynn Dow for COMPASSIONATE RELEASE – THE RAVAGES OF TIME

Best Director – Jamal Hodge for MOURNING MEAL

Best Actress – Grace Kendall for DAME

Best Actor – Ethan Itzkow for HIGH SCORE and Rashad Hunter for MICKEY HARDAWAY

Best Supporting Actress – Soumaye Bocoum in A RISING STAR

Best Supporting Actor – Joseph Covino in BIG NEWS

Special Mention – DAYBREAK by Wendell Laurent

Audience Award for Best Short Film – COMPASSIONATE RELEASE – THE RAVAGES OF TIME by Lynn Dow

VIRTUAL REALITY

THE ECHOING OF FIRE AND LIFE by Judith Samper

CFF was founded by actresses Ingrid & Sonia Jean-Baptiste to give voices to the unheard by providing a platform to independent films and discovering new talents.

Chelsea Film Festival Board of Directors consists of renowned industry insiders: Paul Calderon, Elizabeth Kemp, and John Patrick Shanley.

The Advisory Board includes: Adi Stein, Adrienne Stern, Bruno Chatelin, Georges Leclere, Kiki Lambden-Stout, Jeff Bandman, Pascal Chemin, Michel Abramowicz, Michael Ruotolo, Pascal Bonifay, Patrick Braoude, Richard Stein, Ron Agam, Stephen Stout, Thandeka Zwana, Thembi Mtshali-Jones, Wissam Chahine and more.

Our Mission:

The Chelsea Film Institute is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit cultural organization that will help expose the underprivileged youth in Chelsea, NYC to the arts. Throughout the year, CFI will offer free Arts classes to these economically disadvantaged children.

Chelsea Film Festival (CFF) is an international film festival, enlightening the work of emerging filmmakers, producers, and actors. It offers a wide range of films, such as shorts, documentaries, and feature-length pieces. It empowers the work of risk-taking storytellers and remains committed to its mission to discover and develop independent artists and audiences around the world.

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