



11TH ANNUAL CHELSEA FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES ITS 2023 AWARD WINNERS

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Chelsea, New York — The 11th Annual Edition of Chelsea Film Festival announces its list of winners listed below by award category. **It introduced American and foreign films to the public.**

The Chelsea Film Festival (CFF) held its 2023 Edition in-person from October 12-15 at Regal Cinemas Union Square and online through **FilmFestival+** (<https://filmfestivalplus.com>), also accessible through AppleTV) until October 31st.

NARRATIVE FEATURE AWARD WINNERS

Grand Prix Award for Best Picture – THESE DAYS by Edward Gonzalez Jr.
Best Director – Edward Gonzalez Jr. for THESE DAYS
Best Actress – Cristiane Wersom in TREE HOUSE
Best Actor – Armand Assante in DON Q
Best Cinematography – Jess Dunlap for THE DIRTY SOUTH
Audience Award – HIGH TOUCH! by Karlie Hustle
Honorable Mention – IBIZA BLUE by Jesus Lloveras
Best Young Actress – Julia Schanker in FLYING LESSONS
Best Young Actor – Billy Mayorga in THESE DAYS

US NARRATIVE SHORT AWARD WINNERS

Petite Prix for Best Short Film – SAM by Jen Stafford, Ryan Thielen
Best Actress – Soleia Clark in SAM
Best Actor – Luke Tennie in JADE
Best Animation – WALLS by Michael C. Perry
Best Cinematography – Kyle Moe for SAM
Audience Award – LAYAWAY by Kaitlyn T. Busbee

INTERNATIONAL SHORT AWARD WINNERS

Petite Prix for Best Short Film – HEY, SHAWTY! by Sarah Démonio
Best Actress – Romane Arrendel in HEY, SHAWTY!
Best Actor – Mert Aykul in IN SEARCH OF DAD ONE NIGHT
Best Animation – SKINNED by Joachim Hérisse
Best Cinematography – Kirtan Hummelen for REQUIEM FOR A MARTYR

DOCUMENTARY AWARD WINNERS

Best Documentary Feature – ADDICTED TO LIFE by Pola Rapaport

Best Documentary Short – EUROPE BY BIDON by Samuel Albaric, Thomas Trichet

INDIE EPISODIC WINNER

RABBIT HOLE by Aaron Schoonover

SCREENWRITING INCUBATOR WINNER

CHRISTMAS IN JULY by Christopher Emmanuel London

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, Pascal Chemin and John Patrick Shanley.

The Advisory Board includes: Aaron Pierce, Bruno Chatelin, Kiki Lambden-Stout, Michel Abramowicz, Michael Ruotolo, Pascal Bonifay, Patrick Timsit, and Richard Stein.

Our Mission: Chelsea Film Festival (CFF) - 501(c)(3) non-profit cultural organization - 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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