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**CHELSEA FILM FESTIVAL  
ANNOUNCES 2014 GRAND PRIX WINNER  
"SUN BELT EXPRESS" by Evan Wolf Buxbaum**



Tate Donovan in "Sun Belt Express." ©Sun Belt Express, LLC  
Trailer available here: [www.chelseafilm.org/sunbelt-express](http://www.chelseafilm.org/sunbelt-express)

**Chelsea, NY – The Chelsea Film Festival** announced the 2014 winners this past Sunday, October 19th at the SVA Theatre in the heart of Chelsea.

The Closing Awards Ceremony was hosted by CFF Founder and Director Ingrid Jean-Baptiste, who reminded the importance of the Festival's mission: "The Festival's mission is to discover emerging directors from around the world and be an international platform for independent filmmaking. It has been a very successful year. The Chelsea Film Festival received over a thousand submissions. Forty-seven films were selected, thirteen feature-lengths and thirty-four shorts. Over the course of four days, 12 World, 19 US and 16 NY Premieres have been presented. Tonight, only ten feature-lengths are part of the competition."

Ten prizes were distributed by reputed movie industry insiders: Agnieszka Vosloo, Elizabeth Kemp, Jacky Ido, Kiki Lambden, Paul Calderon and Susan Batson.

The **Grand Prix Winner** was offered the following presents:

- a \$10,000 stainless steel replica of the Charging Bull, handmade by acclaimed Artist, Arturo Di Modica
- a \$50,000 Gift Certificate from generous Sponsor, Panavision.
- a Luxury Document Case from generous Sponsor, Le Tanneur



CFF Official Trophy, Charging Bull replica handmade by Arturo Di Modica  
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**CFF 2014 GRAND PRIX Award** presented by Jury President Jacky Ido

- *"Sun Belt Express"* by Evan Wolf Buxbaum  
Noah Lang, Producer of *"Sun Belt Express"* accepted the Grand Prix Award on behalf of Director, Evan Wolf Buxbaum.

*"I'm afraid to touch it. Maybe you should take it back? No, no, no! Don't ever take it away."*

*[Let's see it!]*

*Oh yeah, let's see it too.*

*My name is Noah Lang. I'm one of the producers of Sun Belt Express, which is a journey we started four years ago. It went through Kickstarter, it went through Indiegogo, it went through private financiers, it went through a lot of casting changes, it fell apart and came together so many different times. It was such a blessing to be able to make it and be here with all you wonderful people and your wonderful films. And the fact that Panavision would support emerging filmmakers like this means so much to Evan and I who really hope to make our next film next fall and this allows us that opportunity. It means the world to us and Evan is so upset he's not here right now. He's been delayed but he sent me a text that he wanted me to read, so I just want to read this to you:*

*I'm so honored to receive this award. I never could have dreamed of such a wonderful reception in the heart of New York. Thank you to all the people who gave so much to make this film a reality, to the Chelsea Film Festival, and to JetBlue for having Wi-Fi so I could text this to Noah from somewhere above West Virginia. Holy shit! Holy shit!*

*That was about the actor awards. I haven't texted him about this yet, so I'm very much looking forward to that. We will definitely be out having drinks with you wonderful, wonderful people. Thank you so much. My heart really...this feels so good. Thank you so much!"*

More information about the Chelsea Film Festival Grand Prix Winner *"Sun Belt Express"* is available below:

Website: <http://sunbelt.squarespace.com/>

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## **Our Mission:**

The Chelsea Film Institute is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit cultural organization that helps expose the underprivileged youth in Chelsea, NYC to the arts. Throughout the year, CFI offers 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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