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CHELSEA FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2015 WINNERS

Chelsea, NY — The Chelsea Film Festival announced the 2015 winners this past Sunday, October 18th 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. Sixty-six films were selected, nineteen feature-lengths and forty-seven shorts. Over the course of four days, 10 World, 33 US and 19 NY Premieres have been presented from 24 countries."

Twenty prizes were distributed by reputed movie industry insiders:

Elizabeth Kemp, Ingrid Jean-Baptiste, Paul Calderon, Sonia Jean-Baptiste and Tiffany Bartok.

The Grand Prix Winner was presented with a Charging Bull Trophy and a \$10,000 Gift Certificate by Panavision. The Petite Prix Winner was presented with a \$5,000 Gift Certificate by Panavision. In addition, a RØDE Microphone was offered to all winners of the Chelsea Film Festival.

In partnership with BOW TIE CINEMAS in Chelsea, the Grand Prix Winner Film, **P.T.S.D (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder)** Directed by Cedric Godin will be presented at the launch of the **Kino & Vino Series®** on November 9th, 2015 at 7pm (bit.ly/kinoandvino).



FEATURE FILMS

CFF GRAND PRIX Award (Best Feature Film) was presented by CFF Founder & Director, Ingrid Jean-Baptiste.

- **P.T.S.D** (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) Directed by Cedric Godin

Nominations for the Grand Prix Award presented by Paul Calderon:

- **DRAWERS** Directed by Caner Alper and Mehmet Binay
- **FLYTRAP** Directed by Stephen David Brooks
- **P.T.S.D** Directed by Cedric Godin

SPECIAL JURY Award presented by Elizabeth Kemp

- **FLYTRAP** Directed by Stephen David Brooks

BEST DIRECTOR Award presented by Tiffany Bartok

- Kantarama Gahigiri & Frederic Baillif for **TAPIS ROUGE**

BEST ACTRESS Award presented by Elizabeth Kemp

- Nai Awada in **ONIX**
- Sirin Zahed in **MARRY ME**

BEST ACTOR Award presented by Paul Calderon

- Jason Lopez in **P.T.S.D**

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS Award presented by Tiffany Bartok

- Nilüfer Açıkalın in **DRAWERS** (Original Title: Çekmeceler)

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR Award presented by Tiffany Bartok

- Hans-Peter Ulli in **THE HISTORY OF KATHARINA WALSER**
(Original Title: Die Geschichte der Katharina Walser)

BEST DOCUMENTARY Award presented by Elizabeth Kemp

- **FOR YOU WERE ONCE STRANGERS** Directed by Ruth Berdah-Canet

BEST SCREENPLAY Award presented by Paul Calderon
• Geoffrey Cowper & Jesús Lloveras for **DAY RELEASE**

BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY Award presented by Ingrid Jean-Baptiste
• Günter König, Daniel Schierscher & Jens Weber for **THE HISTORY OF KATHARINA WALSER** (Original Title: Die Geschichte der Katharina Walser)

SHORT FILMS

CFF PETITE PRIX Award (Best Short Film) was presented by CFF Co-Founder & Director, Sonia Jean-Baptiste.

• **BELIEVE** Directed by Paul Mignot

Nominations for the Petite Prix Award presented by Paul Calderon:

- **BELIEVE** Directed by Paul Mignot
- **FRENCH TOUCH** Directed by Xiaoxing Cheng
- **JEANNE** Directed by Nicolas Khamsopha

SPECIAL JURY Award presented by Elizabeth Kemp

• **ACROSS THE TRACKS** Directed by Michael Cooke

BEST DIRECTOR Award presented by Tiffany Bartok

• Yahya McClain for **COMEDY CAMP**

BEST ACTRESS Award presented by Elizabeth Kemp

• Candi Milo in **BARK MITZVAH**

BEST ACTOR Award presented by Paul Calderon

• Fabien Ara in **FRENCH TOUCH**

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS Award presented by Tiffany Bartok

• Carla McCullough in **ACROSS THE TRACKS**

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR Award presented by Tiffany Bartok

- George Takei in **hopefulROMANTIC**

BEST DOCUMENTARY Award presented by Elizabeth Kemp

- **MYANMAR YEAR ZERO** Directed by Carole Wilson
- **THE CHURCH AT GROUND ZERO** Directed by Alexandra Liveris

BEST SCREENPLAY Award presented by Paul Calderon

- Carly Glenn for **BARK MITZVAH**

BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY Award presented by Ingrid Jean-Baptiste

- Jacques Ballard, Matias Boucard & Baptiste Gautier for **BELIEVE**
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CCF 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: Bruno Chatelin, Georges Leclere, Jeff Bandman, Pascal Chemin, Michel Abramowicz, Michael Ruotolo, Pascal Bonifay, Patrick Braoude, Ron Agam, Thandeka Zwana, Thembi Mtshali-Jones, Wissam Chahine and more.

The Chelsea Film Festival program highlighted international feature-length, short films and documentaries from independent or emerging filmmakers. The Third Edition of the Chelsea Film Festival focused on "Women in Film & Media", and introduced foreign films to the public.

As Ingrid Jean-Baptiste, Founder of The Chelsea Film Festival, stated:

“Making the World a Better Place by Giving a Voice to the Unheard”

The Chelsea Film Festival (CFF) held its third edition in New York from October 15-18th, 2015 at the SVA Theatre, Katie Murphy Amphitheatre (FIT), David Dubinsky Student Center (FIT) and other locations in Manhattan.

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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