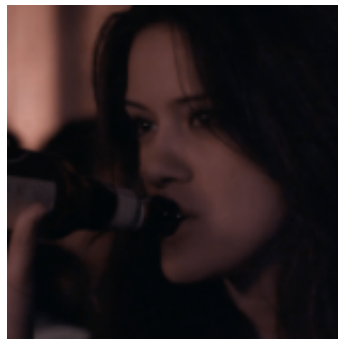




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**CHELSEA FILM FESTIVAL
ANNOUNCES ITS 2016 WINNERS**



**Grand Prix
Best Feature Film
JESSICA**
Scott Foley

Sponsored by **PANAVISION**
Grand Prix Winner: \$10,000

Entry to **New York Festivals**
International Award
Competition

Trip for 2 (two) to **La
Martinique** by Norwegian
Airlines



**Petite Prix
Best Short Film
PAPÉ**
Nicolas Polixene



Feature Film Awards



Best Director
Ali Atshani
PARADISE



Best Screenplay
PENUMBRA
Shannan Leigh Reeve



Best Cinematography
OLVIDADOS
Ernesto Fernandez Tellería



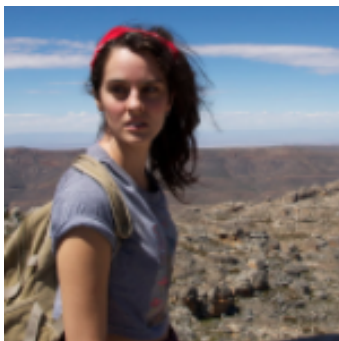
Best Documentary
THE HARD STOP
George Amponsah



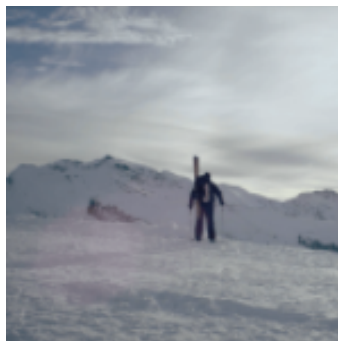
Best Actor
Mohamad Ali Najafian
PARADISE



Best Supporting Actor
Mehran Rajabi Ferasati
PARADISE



Best Actress
Noémie Merlant
TWISTING FATE



Best Supporting Actress
Lara Lemon
OFF PISTE



Special Jury
TWISTING FATE
CHRISTOPHE LIOUD

Short Film Awards



Best Director
Umar Saeed
THE LEARNING ALLIANCE



Best Screenplay
NOCTURNES
Tommy Lefort



Best Cinematography
RINGER
Luc Nicknair



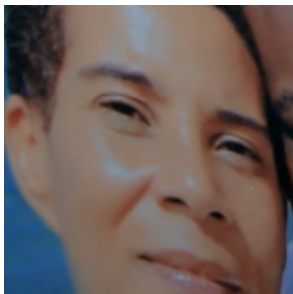
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THE LEARNING ALLIANCE
Umar Saeed



Best Actor
Guillaume Clément
HAPPINESS IF I CAN



Best Supporting Actor
Jeremy Luke
CONSULT AND CONQUER



Best Actress
Carole Desfassiaux
DON'T PLAY



Best Supporting Actress
Krystal Vayda
CONSULT AND CONQUER



Special Jury
SEPARATION
Sylvie Audcoeur



Special Jury
FOR REAL THO
Baptist Peneticobra

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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.

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The Chelsea Film Festival program will highlight international feature-length, short films and documentaries from independent or emerging filmmakers. The Fourth Edition of the Chelsea Film Festival will highlight films about Youth and will introduce 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) will hold its fourth edition in New York from **October 13-16, 2016** at the **Katie Murphy Amphitheatre (FIT), David Dubinsky Student Center (FIT), Cinepolis Chelsea, and other locations in Manhattan.**

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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