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CINEQUEST FILM FESTIVALS WRAP & AWARDS

SILICON VALLEY— Cinequest Film & Creativity Festival in San Jose, CA wrapped to pre-pandemic audience levels and critical acclaim. Cinequest's Virtual Festival (on the Creatics platform) followed and wowed audiences with its unique and proprietary integration of live and streamed experiences. Cinequest showcased 238 films (110 World or U.S. Premieres) presented by 620 artists from 52 countries. Cinequest (domiciled in the Silicon Valley) lived up to its reputation of providing the technological integrations that create the "future of film" via a spectacular showcase of AI cinema. Cinequest opened with Paul Walter Hauser and Walton Goggins starring in the *The Luckiest Man in America* and closed with Naomi Watts, Bill Murray, and Constance Wu starring in *The Friend*.

The following won Cinequest's Maverick, Jury and Audience, and Screenwriting Awards:

MAVERICK SPIRIT AWARD

GILLIAN ANDERSON

JURY FILM AWARDS

Best Narrative Feature: Drama

THE COURAGEOUS

Director: Jasmin Gordon

Producers: Brigitte Hofer, Cornelia Seitler

Best Narrative Feature: Comedy

BURT

Director: Joe Burke

Producers: Joe Burke, Oliver Cooper

Best Narrative Feature: Horror, Sci-Fi, Thriller

PUSH

Directors: David Charbonier, Justin Powell

Producers: Ryan Scaringe, David Charbonier, Justin Powell

Best Documentary Feature Film:

AMERICAN AGITATORS

Directors: Raymond Telles

Producer: Kenn Rabin, David Telles, Olivia Heffernan

New Visions Award:

NORA

Director: Anna Campbell

Producers: Anna Campbell, Sascha Fix, AJ Gordon

Global Vision Award:

NEWBORN

Director: Alejandro Zuno

Producers: Mónica Lozano, Érika Ávila, Eamon O'Farrill

Best Narrative Short Film: Drama

MALKA

Director: Stacey Maltin

Producers: Jaclyn Amor

Best Narrative Short Film: Comedy

BOOTIE'S

Directors: Milana Vayntrub

Producer: Gracie Canaan, Milana Vayntrub

Best Narrative Short Film: Horror, Sci-Fi, Thriller

THE UGLY CHICKENS

Directors: Mark Raso

Producers: George R.R. Martin, Mauro Mueller, Philippe Woodtli

Best Animated Short Film

TRASH

Directors: Gregory Bouzid, Maxime Crançon, Robin Delaporte, Mattéo Durand, Romain Fleischer, Alexis Le Ral Margaux Lutz, Fanny Vecchie

Producer: Karim Khenissi

Best Documentary Short Film

LOVE IN THE TIME OF MIGRATION

Director: Erin Semine Kökdil, Chelsea Abbas

Producer: Erin Semine Kökdil, Chelsea Abbas, Priscilla Gonzalez Sainz

Best Student Short Film

LITTLE BIRD

Director: Oanh-Nhi Nguyen

Producer: Eva Zheng

Best Television Pilot

FOLLOW

Director: Louis Farge

Producers: Victoire d'Aboville

Best Music Video

GUN

Director: Lado Kvataniya

Producers: Pavel Karykhalin, Alexander Medvedko, Egor Solomatin, Nadin Usmanova, Lado Kvataniya

AUDIENCE FILM AWARDS

Audience Award: Best Narrative Feature, Comedy

SAY LESS

Director: Michael Kellman

Producers: Michael Kellman, J. Zachary Thurman

Audience Award: Best Narrative Feature, Drama (TIE)

BECOMING VERA

Director: Sergio Vizquete

Producers: Jiarui Guo, Sergio Vizquete

Audience Award: Best Narrative Feature, Drama (TIE)

BIRDSONG

Director: Renso Amariz

Producers: Morgan Bentz, Margy Kennedy, Marnie Near, Renso Amariz

Audience Award: Best Narrative Feature, Thriller, Horror, Or Sci-Fi

THE SNARE

Director: Merlin Camozzi

Producers: Merlin Camozzi, Kristifor Cvijetic, Jenny Leigh Reed, Kareem Mortimer

Audience Award: Best Documentary Feature

A LITTLE FELLOW: THE LEGACY OF A.P. GIANNINI

Director: Davide Fiore

Producers: Anna Laclergue, Davide Fiore, Sacha Smith, Joe Mancini

SCREENWRITING AWARDS

FEATURES

1st Place: ***Coming in Second***; By: Don Cabreana / Genre: Comedy

2nd Place: ***Dancing on a Tightrope***; By: Jesse Kalfel / Genre: Historical

3rd Place: ***Haunted Objects Transportation***; By: Eric Miller /Genre: Horror/Action

TELEPLAY 60-MINUTE

1st Place: ***Unpredictable***; By: Lisa Hickey / Genre: Drama

2nd Place: ***The Comb Sisters***; By: Dralla Aierken / Genre: Drama

3rd Place: ***The Zookeeper's Daughter***; By: Lisa Hickey / Genre: Drama

4th Place: ***Good, Bad Luck***; By: Russell Beneke / Genre: Drama

TELEPLAY 30-MINUTE

1st Place: ***Happy Medium***; By: Becca Blackmore / Genre: Comedy

2nd Place: ***The Temp***; By: Devi Snively / Genre: Sci-Fi

3rd Place: ***Lights! Camera! Cluster#^&@!***; By: Ryan Dooley / Genre: Comedy

SHORT-FILM

1st Place: ***The Big Cheese***; By: Isabella Spadone / Genre: Comedy, Drama

2nd Place: ***Bobby vs Bobby vs Bobby***; By: Rodolfo Salas / Genre: Drama

3rd Place: ***Girl Texts***; By: Zoë Mills / Genre: Comedy

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