

CINEQUEST™

CINEQUEST FILM & CREATIVITY FESTIVAL WRAP

March 19, 2019 The Cinequest Film & Creativity Festival wrapped, announcing its award winners, following the unveiling of 132 World and U.S. Premiere Films & VR plus 75 creative experiences including augmented realities, writing, dance, theatre, music, and comedy. Eleven hundred artists and innovators from 56 countries presented to record audiences of 110,000 in the Silicon Valley (San Jose & Redwood City, California). Cinequest Film & Creativity Festival 2020 will occur next March 3rd – 15th.

"What differentiates Cinequest is the meeting of innovation and art. You'll find this reflected in our Leadership Council which includes legendary innovators Steve Wozniak (co-founder Apple Inc.) and Marty Cooper (father of the cell phone), as well as producers, writers, educators, and entrepreneurs. The commonality is creativity. Thus, it was natural for the Cinequest Festival to evolve from a film festival to a film & creativity festival. This expanded vision was a hit this year, and Cinequest will build upon it for our 2020 edition. Our team is very excited to produce and unveil this vision." Halfdan Hussey, Co-Founder & CEO, Cinequest

MAVERICK SPIRIT AWARD HONOREES

- [ELLE FANNING](#)
- [NANDITA DAS](#)
- [BILL NIGHY](#)
- [ESTHER WOJCICKI](#) (Life of a Maverick)

JURY FILM AWARDS

BEST NARRATIVE FEATURE FILM: DRAMA

Mine 9

Director: Edward Mensore

Producers: Anaitte Vaccaro, Charles Rashard, Jeffery C. Foy, Edward Mensore

BEST NARRATIVE FEATURE FILM: COMEDY

The Bra

Director: Veit Helmer

Producer: Veit Helmer

BEST HORROR, THRILLER, SCIENCE FICTION FEATURE FILM

Last Sunrise

Director: Wen Ren

Producers: Li Mingqian, Li Xinran

BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE FILM

Clean Hands

Director: Michael Dominic

Producer: Michael Dominic

VISIONARY AWARD

Senior Escort Service

Director: Shaina Feinberg

Producers: Elisabeth Durkin, Chris Manley

GLOBAL VISION AWARD

A Shelter Among The Clouds

Director: Robert Budina

Producer: Sabina Kodra

BEST TELEVISION PILOT, LONG FORM

Undercover

Director: Eshref Reybrouck, Frank Devos

Producers: Nico Moolenaar, Jan Theys

BEST NARRATIVE SHORT FILM: DRAMA

Arcángel

Director: Angeles Cruz

Producer: Glory Mascorro

BEST NARRATIVE SHORT FILM: COMEDY

Pozole

Director: Jessica Mendez Siqueiros

Producer: Jessica Mendez Siqueiros & Jenn Garcia

BEST ANIMATED SHORT FILM

Guaxuma

Director: Nara Normande

Producers: Damien Megherbi, Justin Pechberty, Livia Melo

BEST HORROR, THRILLER, SCI-FI SHORT FILM

Loa's Promise

Director: Joshua Dawson

Producers: Jaime Gesundheit

BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT FILM

Nazi VR

Director: David Freid

Producers: David Freid

BEST SHORT FORM TELEVISION PILOT, SHORT FORM

Work/Friends

Director: Rodrigo Garcia

Producers: Tom Bailey, Ed Mccarthy, Douglas Sarine

BEST MUSIC VIDEO

The Night of My Death

Director: Josh Peterson

Producers: Alexis Harte, Josh Peterson

BEST COLLEGE SHORT FILM

Before Dark

Director: Aaron Smithson

Producers: Colby Higgins, Aaron Smithson, Ellen Rice

BEST HIGH SCHOOL SHORT FILM

Nina Saiza

Director: Yangfang (Frances) Chen

Producers: Yangfang (Frances) Chen

AUDIENCE FILM AWARDS

AUDIENCE AWARD: BEST COMEDY FEATURE

The Social Ones

Director: Laura Kosann

Producers: Raven Jensen, Laura Kosann

AUDIENCE AWARD: BEST DRAMA--TIE

The Public

Director: Emilio Estevez

Producers: Emilio Estevez, Alex Lebovici, Steve Ponce, Lisa Niedenthal

AUDIENCE AWARD: BEST DRAMA--TIE

Bring Me An Avocado

Director: Maria Mealla

Producers: Bianca Beyrouti, Alex Mallonee, Natalie Coneely, Natasha Chee

AUDIENCE AWARD: BEST DOCUMENTARY

Travel Ban: Make America Laugh Again

Director: Samy Chouia

Producer: Kevin Derek

AUDIENCE AWARD: BEST SHORT FILM

Freaks of Nurture

Director: Alexandra Lemay

Producer: Maral Mohammadian

VR & AR AWARDS

BEST IMMERSIVE

Eclipse

Directed by Jonathan Astruc and Aymeric Favre

BEST VR FILM

RocketMan 360

Directed by Gabriela Hirit / Millo Simulov

BEST EXPERIENCE

Jurassic World VR Expedition

Directed by VRC

BEST GAME

Moss

Directed by Tam Armstrong, Danny Bulla, Chris Alderson, Polyarc

BEST PUZZLE GAME

Twilight Path

Directed by Derek Young, Charm Games

BEST SCI-FI VR

Volt: Chaos Gem

Directed by Hyun Suk Lee

BEST DOCUMENTARY/EMPATHY

Send Me Home

Directed by Cassandra Evanisko, LonelyLeap

BEST HORROR

Caliban Below

Directed by Michael Conelly

BEST ANIMATION

1inchVR

Directed by Nam Koong Seok / Kim Yong Hwan, M2S Korea

BEST EDUCATIONAL

Breaking Boundaries in Science

Directed by Matt Haselton, Filament Games

BEST STUDENT

Blue Bird

Directed by Parnaz Rad

BEST VR DIRECTOR

Crow: The Legend VR

Directed by Eric Darnell

BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY

Love Note

Directed by Guanlin Chen

BEST PRODUCTION DESIGN

Re-Animated

Directed by Jakob Kudsk Steensen

BEST SOUND DESIGN

Sanctuaries of Silence

Adam Loftén & Emmanuel Vaughan-Lee

SCREENWRITING AWARDS

BEST FEATURE LENGTH SCRIPT

Mica

Screenwriter: Ilisa Aaron Parrish

2nd Place: Splashdown

Screenwriter: Don Stroud

3rd Place: Ship of Lies

Screenwriter: William Colella

BEST SHORTS SCREENPLAY

Invisible Monster

Screenwriter: Matt Harris-Freeth

2nd Place: Page Turner

Screenwriter: Mac Roussel

3rd Place: I, Sphere

Screenwriter: Andrew Gay

BEST 30 MINUTE TELEPLAY

Gentrified

Screenwriter: Edward Coffey

2nd Place: Unplugged: Assemble the Trolls

Screenwriter: Adam Tootles

3rd Place: Ultra/Violet

Screenwriter: Jennifer Mondfrans

BEST 60 MINUTE SCREENPLAY

Gemini Baby

Screenwriter: Janalyn Steele

2nd Place: Fix

Screenwriter: Jeff Bower

3rd Place: The Divinity Cycle

Screenwriter: Nelson Downend

About Cinequest:

The story and legacy of Cinequest is bringing together the Silicon Valley's technologies and spirit of innovation with the arts to empower great creations—and connecting audiences, youth, artists, and innovators with these creations and with each other, improving our lives and our future. Cinequest's uniqueness and impact result from being ahead of the curve in the powerful integration of creativity and innovation. Cinequest does this through the Cinequest Film & Creativity Festival (Voted Best Film Festival by USA Today Readers) and [Picture The Possibilities](#) by Cinequest. Please watch [The Story of Cinequest](#) video.

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