

## RECAP: The 2021 SOHO Int'l Film Festival

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, November 16, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The <u>SOHO</u> International Film <u>Festival</u> (<u>SIFFNYC</u>), Presented by SOHO Film Forum, ran from November 4th thru the 12th, 2021 with virtual presentations of films in competition and exhibition from all over the world and an in person awards ceremony.

On Tuesday November 9th, SOHO Film



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Forum hosted the SIFFNYC's Red Carpet Awards Night Gala at The Rooftop of the new Hotel Selina in Chelsea, New York City - with celebrities in attendance including Abigail Hawk, Robert Clohessey, Lukas Hassell, Sal Rendino and others.

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As always, this year's festival contained a diverse selection of Features, Shorts, Documentaries, Series Pilots and Animated Films submitted by filmmakers from across the globe. Here are the nominated films and the list of award winners:

BEST US SHOWCASE FEATURE FILM

Girl in Golden Gate Park by JP Allen The Reunion by Dave Rosenberg <- WINNER Triple Threat by Stacey Maltin

BEST WORLD SHOWCASE FEATURE FILM Broken Souls (Mexico) by Juan Pablo Arroyo Abrahan Chasing Unicorns (Estonia) by Rain Rannu <-- WINNER Parallel Minds (Canada) by Benjamin Ross Hayden Shibil (Bulgaria) by Nikola Bozadzhiev

BEST SHOWCASE DOCUMENTARY FILM Last Call by Johnny Sweet <- WINNER The Fable of a Song - by Andy Strohl The New Abolitionists - Christina Zorich

BEST WORLD SHOWCASE SHORT FILM 500 Calories (Italy) by Cristina Spina Destiny Station (Poland) by Michal Grzyb Remembrance (Australia) by Shane Joseph Willis Time Will Tell (Austria) Shoshana Stark <-WINNER Will you find me? (Australia) by William Atkinson

BEST US SHOWCASE SHORT FILM Class by Enzo Sallucci & Ash McNair - WINNER Emma without Edmund by Nicolas Minas Foundher by Jordi Matsutmoto Frankie by James Kautz Hurricane by JLee McKenzie Hungry Ghosts by Mark Borkowski Mint by Cameron Kalajian Now You See Us by Romina Schwedler Sitting by Jones The Sleepless by Kami Sadraei The Elephant Gown by Raheim Robinson

BEST PERFORMANCE AS AN ENSEMBLE B-SIDES The Series by Lin Que Ayoung Dead Body by Andy Rossi <- WINNER The Longest Day of the Year by Lauren Hoover Triple Threat by Stacey Maltin

AUDIENCE AWARD for FEATURE FILM or DOCUMENTARY Dead Body by Andy Rossi <-- WINNER Girlie in Golden Gate Park by JP Allen The New Abolitionists by Chrisitina Zorich

AUDIENCE AWARD for SHORT FILMS or SERIES PILOT Emma Without Edmund by Nicolas Minas Grafton by Bryan Santiago Louie by Robert Biggs <-- WINNER Small Town Big Canvas by Bradford Devins The Dump by Neil Holland

AUDIENCE AWARD FOR EXHIBITION FILMS Focos Rojos by Harry Geithner My Life is a Doormat by Anthony Robert Grasso Woe is Mary by Alexandra Ruggieri-- WINNER

BEST SHOWCASE ANIMATED FILM Artminute1-The Perfect Selfie (Denmark) by Asta Wellejus & Teddy Kristiansen Beach Claw (US) by Alex Wroten First Light (Canada) by Amy Lee Ketchum Freebird (Canada) by Michael Joseph McDonald & Joe Bluhm The Winter - Australia by Xin Li <- WINNER

BEST SHOWCASE DOCUMENTARY SHORT Distressed (Australia) by Toby Lord & Tim Elwin One all the Way by David Baram - WINNER Small Town, Big Canvas by Bradford Devins The Love in the Fury: Story of Boxing through Despair by Laren Stover

BEST LONG FORM TV PILOT B-Sides: The Series Couple of Guys Grafton Hudson Falls Metta da fein (Switzerland) <- WINNER Waiting for Deading

BEST SHORT FORM TV PILOT Anything For You Couples Therapy Ghostwritten Series II Fagotto (Italy) The Other Side (South Africa) <- WINNER Under the Influence BEST ACTING PERFORMANCE IN A LEADING ROLE - US FEATURE Andrea Modica - "The Reunion" Cara Ronzetti - "The Reunion" <--- WINNER Dave Rosenberg - "The Reunion" Erin Mei-Ling Stuart - "Girl in Golden Gate Park" Jay DeYonker - "Triple Threat" Kim Jiang - "Girl in Golden Gate Park"

BEST ACTING PERFORMANCE IN A LEADING ROLE - WORLD FEATURE Andres Montiel - "Broken Souls" (Mexico) Desislava Vuleva - "Shibil" (Bulgaria) Henri Kalmet - "Chasing Unicorns" (Estonia) Liisa Pulk - "Chasing Unicorns" (Estonia) Raul Mendez - "Broken Souls"

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BEST ACTING PERFORMANCE IN A LEADING ROLE - US SHORT Casey Landman - "Scar" <- WINNER David McKittrick - "Hungry Ghosts" David Krumholtz - "Class" Lily Oliver - "Hurricane" Morgan O'Sullivan - "Frankie" Olivia Sui- "Foundher"

BEST ACTING PERFORMANCE IN A LEADING ROLE - WORLD SHORT David Bamber - "The Appointment" (UK) Gabriella Rose-Carter - "Will you find me?" (Australia) < - WINNER Kathleen Chalfant -"500 Calories" (Italy) Sam Crane - "The Appointment" (UK) Yvonne Woods - "500 Calories" (Italy)

Some notable Actors featured in Films for this year's festival include Eric Roberts (Batman), Lynn Cohen (Hunger Games), Richard Kind (Argo), Charlie Robinson (Night Court), Ian Buchanan (Twin Peaks), Billy Wirth (The Lost Boys), Alain Uy (Helstrom), Al Sapienza (The Sopranos), Elias Janssen (Jane The Virgin) and Geoffrey Owens (The Cosby Show)

Past attendees of the Festival include prominent industry members such as Octavia Spencer, Pierce Brosnan, Bobby Cannavale, Armand Assante, William Sadler, Dominic Purcell, Danny Aiello, Richard Kind, Frank Vincent, Luis Guzman, Carrie Preston, Beth Grant, Sean Young, Alysia Reiner, Kevin Jonas, Margaret Colin, Mark Feuerstein, Melissa Archer, Constancce Schulman, Adam Brody, Josh Lawson, Matthew Daddario, Coach Tom Coughlin, Jessica Hecht, Zach Grenier, Patrick Fischler, Cady McClain, David Zayas, Michael Imperiolli, Steve Schirripa, Tony Sirico, and Vinny Pastore, to name a few.

The SOHO International Film Festival was founded in 2009 by Jorge Ballos. This year's festival is presented by the SOHO Film Forum. SIFFNYC celebrates the cutting-edge of digital technology while honoring traditional forms of storytelling, and encourages new and seasoned filmmakers from here in New York City and around the world to create and send in their fresh and innovative cinematic pieces.

Submissions now open for Soho Intl Film Festival 2022 on FilmFreeway: <a href="https://filmfreeway.com/SohoFilmFest">https://filmfreeway.com/SohoFilmFest</a>

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