

Award Winners Jeff Waxman, Chad L. Coleman, Catherine Curtin, Greg Cergol Honored at the 25th Long Island Intl Film Fest

Top Films and Film Professionals Recognized and Honored at 25th Anniversary Film Festival and Expo Finale

BELLMORE, NY, USA, July 20, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On Sunday, July 17th discerning film aficionados across Long Island gathered at the historic Bellmore Movies located at 222 Pettit Ave, Bellmore, NY as Producer Jeff Waxman (Don't Look Up, John Wick, Narc) received the "Excellence in Film & TV" award, Actor Catherine Curtin (Orange is the New Black, Stranger Things) received the "Excellence in Creative Achievement" award, Actor Chad L. Coleman (The Wire, All American, The Walking Dead) received the "Inspirational Work in the Sci-Fi

Genre" award and long time Channel 4 WNBC-TV Newscaster Greg Cergol received the "Excellence in Newscasting" award at the closing ceremony of the 25th Anniversary presentation of the [Long Island International Film Expo](https://www.LongIslandFilm.com). Ms. Curtin, Mr. Coleman and Mr. Cergol all appeared in person to accept their recognition.

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Awards were given to Producer Jeff Waxman (Don't Look Up, John Wick, Narc), Actor Catherine Curtin, Actor Chad L. Coleman (The Wire, All American, The Walking Dead) and the top films and filmmakers.”

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Hosted by Kevin Brown (30 Rock) with presenters Lukas Hassel (The Blacklist), Sal Rendino (Billions), Chad L. Coleman (The Walking Dead), Tara Westwood (The Grudge) and others, the [LIIFE](https://www.LongIslandFilm.com) closing ceremony also featured, in person, many of the fine actors, directors, producers of the incredible films that were shown all week.

For this, the 25th anniversary, LIIFE was proud to feature 22 films made by Long Islanders, 12 World Premieres, 4 US Premieres, 39 New York Premieres, 36 Long Island Premieres, and Films from 12 countries! There were also 40 Female Directors, a record for LIIFE.

Long Island International Film Expo
2022
Winners and Nominees and
Honorees

Student Film Winners

Best Student Film – Peaches

Best Actor - Professional Therapy -
Jeremy Lister

Best Actress - Writer's Block - Nik
Noto

Best Story - Embryo

Best Editing - The Prague Conspiracy

Best Director - Peaches - Dir. Benjamin
Hunt

Best Cinematography - The Prague
Conspiracy

Screenplay Winner and Runner Ups

Typhoid Maria - Winner

Streetball Is Life - Runner up

Chiro Killer - Runner Up

Midnight Madness Winner

Trucked

Honorees

Jeff Waxman - Excellence in Film And
TV

Catherine Curtin - Excellence in
Creative Achievement

Greg Cergol - Excellence in
Broadcasting

Special Recognition Awards

Alan Fortunoff Humanitarian Film
Award - Hot Water on Long Island

Jury Award Best Animation - Billy

Marc Stein Comedy Award - Adam

Inspirational Work in the Sci Fi Genre - Chad L. Coleman

Winners and Nominees

Best Feature



LIIFE 2022 honorees



Chad and Kevin

Montauk77

Natalie

Marijuana Minutes

Delivering Hope

Dear Audrey

Best Short

Eureka

West Virginian Starfish

Little Drummer Boy

You are Mine

The Bridge

Best Director

The Little Drummer Boy - John Gray

The Wound - Sahar Nourmonavar

You are Mine - Adi Wojaczek

The West Virginian Starfish - Hyten Davidson and Tommy Martin

Rising Lotus - Gurinder J. Singh

Best International Film

Annavespa

The Wound

You are Mine

Dear Audrey

Call Me Lina

Best Documentary Feature

Delivering Hope

Hot Water on Long Island

Cycle of Memory

Devils Among Angels

Dear Audrey

Best Documentary Short

Heirloom

The Shave

The Girl with the Accent

Why Is My Grandfather's Bed in Our Living Room?

Sound of Memories

Best Actor

Sold - Dutch Welch

The Little Drummer Boy - Xander Berkeley
Parrot - Ian Morrison - runner up
Defense Contract - Matt Roszak
Hudson Falls - Richard Kind

Best Actress

Removable - Yi Liu
Marijuana Minutes - Becca DeMarco - runner up
Hudson Falls - Tara Westwood
The West Virginian Starfish - Melanie McNulty
Divorce Diaries - Michele Marie Traina

Best Story

Little Drummer Boy
West Virginian Starfish
The Bridge
The Wound
Removable

Best Music Video

Lobo
Dru Serkes - Stormy
Tied Up in Song
Spun - A Music Video
When It All Goes Down

Best Long Island Film

Montauk77
Even the Darkness Has Arms
Domestic Bliss
Launch at Paradise
Harbor Me

Best Horror Film

Golem
Domestic Bliss
Even the Darkness has Arms
Something Wrong with Paul
Cook With Heart

Best Episodic

Left of the Dial
How to Hack Birth Control

Divorce Diaries
Hudson Falls

Best Cinematography
Golem
The Bridge
Eureka
Rising Lotus
Sold

Best Editing
Subscribed
Little Drummer Boy
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The Girl Who Is Selling Fish
How to Hack Birth Control

Best Art Direction
Domestic Bliss
Golem
The Sands of Time
The Call
Sold

Audience Choice
UFO Club

Founders Henry Stampfel, Debra Markowitz and Anne Stampfel were surprised with a Founders Award for creating LIIFE 25 years ago and presented by LIFTF Board Member Lindsay Serrano and advisor's Kory Diskin and Trish Appello with a tribute reel by LIIFE Technical Director Manny Serrano.

The Long Island International Film Expo (LIIFE) is the premier filmmaker community on Long Island, and one of the most respected festivals of its kind in the world; showing almost 125 independent films in many different genres each year. Sponsored by the Long Island Film-TV Foundation (LIFTF), the County of Nassau, the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency and Gold Coast Studios, this year the 25th Anniversary installment was held from July 13th - July 17th, 2022 at the historic Bellmore Movies and featured panels, networking forums and films from around the globe.

Festivals of the past have included such luminaries as the late Danny Aiello and Ed Asner, Robert Clohessy, Abigail Hawk, Ralph Macchio, John Amos, Daniel Baldwin, Ally Sheedy, Cathy Moriarty, Steve Buscemi, Ed Burns, William Sadler, Ilene Kristen, and so many more.

LIIFF has become a must attend festival for filmmakers of all levels with local and foreign film screenings, celebrity appearances, entertaining and informative panels, a star-studded awards ceremony, Q & A with filmmakers from the world over and networking galore. Sponsored by the Long Island Film-TV Foundation (LIFF), the County of Nassau, the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency and Gold Coast Studios.

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