

Rome International Film Festival (RIFF) celebrates a successful 19th year

Northwest Georgia-based film festival announces awards recipients for line-up of international and national documentaries, shorts, and narrative features

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[EINPresswire.com/](https://www.einpresswire.com/) -- The Rome International Film Festival (RIFF) is excited to announce a record-breaking 19th event that featured major film screenings including international features and shorts, tier 1 filmmakers and talent, educational panels, talk-backs, cocktail functions, after-parties and industry VIPs and celebrity appearances. The Nov. 10 screening of 'Her Name was Hester' was a sold-out event. In total there were over 1,777

individual tickets sold, 1,128 All Access pass holders, 16,000 people reached via RIFF's social media and the organization doubled its revenues through ticket sales and sponsorship.



The award recipients for the 19th annual Rome International Film Festival are as follows:

Documentary Feature

Winner: 'The UnRedacted' by Meg Smaker

Special Jury Award: 'Unspoken' by Stephanie Calabrese

Narrative Feature

Winner: 'Peace in the Valley' by Tyler Riggs

Special Jury Award: 'The Civil Dead' by Clay Tatum and Whitmer Thomas

Special Jury Award: 'Spirit Halloween: The Movie' by David Poag and Billie Bates

Narrative Shorts

Best Short Film Winner: 'The Bottom', directed by James Kautz, Morgan Raudhri O' Sullivan, and Produced by Valentina Cimino



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Director Seth Ingram*

Best Sound Design and Integration of an Original Musical Performance: 'Daddy's Eyes' directed by Drew Ann Rosenberg and John K. Anderson

Georgia Student Shorts

Winner: 'Lighter' by Jack N May

Special Jury Awards: 'Tacet' by Michael Ingenito and 'Warmth' by Chandler Thornton
Georgia Shorts

Winner: 'Under The Sun' by Trevor C. McGlynn and Lucas Hix

Special Jury Awards: 'Bad Dream' by Colby Hollman and

Camilo Diaz and 'A Sparrow Cries At Night' by Andrew J. Lee

After Dark Shorts

Winner: 'In The Dead Of Light' by Daniel Hamby

Special Jury Award: 'Canal' by Will Rahilly

Episodic Short

Winner: 'WOMANHOOD: The Series' by Jessica McGaugh

Jury Award: 'Goombay Kids' by LFD Productions

International Shorts

Winner: 'The Molt' by Willy Orr

Special Jury Award: 'All That Glitters' by Sophia Miles and Dan Bronzite

LatinX Category

Winner: 'A Severe Case of Prudery' by Andrea Gallo, Adriana Vasquez, and Humberly Gonzalez

Special Jury Award: 'The Son Rises' by Alexander G. Seyum

Animated Shorts

Winner: 'Pachyderme' by Stéphanie Clément

Special Jury Award: 'Footprints In The Forest' by Juhaidah Joemin, Sandra Khoo, and James Phelan

Special Jury Award: 'Andy: A Dog's Tale' by Jamy Wheless

Documentary Shorts

Winner: 'In the Rearview' by Megan Massa

Special Jury Award: 'Keepers of the Way' by Evan Cohen

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To learn more about the Rome International Film Festival (RIFF), Nov. 10 - 13 please visit www.riffga.com. To schedule an interview with the RIFF team contact Minah Thomas (717) 253-

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