

HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

**PHILOMENA and DESERT RUNNERS
TAKE AUDIENCE AWARDS
AT
THE 21th ANNUAL HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 10th - 14th**

**Golden Starfish Award Winners are
THE SELFISH GIANT, CODE BLACK and WHALE VALLEY**

**Special Juror Mentions Awarded To Conner Chapman for his performance in THE
SELFISH GIANT and the ensemble cast of KUSH**

East Hampton, NY (October 14th, 2013) – The Hamptons International Film Festival today announced their audience, jury and special prizes at their awards ceremony from East Hampton. PHILOMENA and DESERT RUNNERS were honored with the Audience Awards for Narrative and Documentary, respectively. ONE LAST HUG (...AND A FEW SMOOCHES) THREE DAYS AT GRIEF CAMP won the audience award for best short documentary.

THE SELFISH GIANT, directed by Clio Barnard, won The Golden Starfish Narrative Feature Award, presented by The Wall Street Journal. The Golden Starfish Award for Best Documentary, presented by A&E Indie Films, was awarded to CODE BLACK, directed by Ryan McGarry.

The Narrative Jury awarded a special jury prize for extraordinary performance to Conner Chapman for his performance in THE SELFISH GIANT.

The Golden Starfish Award for Best Short, presented by Doritos, was given to WHALE VALLEY, directed by Gudmundur A. Gudmundsson.

The documentary jury also awarded a special prize to the ensemble cast of KUSH, directed by Shubhashish Bhutiani.

The Tangerine Entertainment Juice Award has been awarded to FREE RIDE, directed by Shana Betz. This award honors an outstanding female narrative filmmaker.

Prior to the Festival PLOT FOR PEACE, directed by Carlos Agullo and Mandy Jacobson, was awarded the 2013 Brizzolara Family Foundation Award for a Film of Conflict and Resolution, presented in partnership with REACT to FILM. An Honorable Mention went to Jehane Noujaim's THE SQUARE, which has also been awarded The Victor Rabinowitz and Joanne Grant Award for Social Justice. This award is given to a film that most exhibits the values of peace, equality and global justice.

The Zelda Penzel Giving Voice to the Voiceless Award is presented to a film that raises public awareness about contemporary social issues, including the moral and ethical

treatment and the rights of animals as well as environmental protection. This year the award has been presented to EMPTYPING THE SKIES, directed by Douglas Kass and Roger Kass.

Also previously announced was the Alfred P. Sloan Feature Film Prize, which was awarded to DECODING ANNIE PARKER by Steven Bernstein.

This year's documentary feature jury was comprised of producer Daniel Crown, photographer and filmmaker Michael Halsband, and Nancy Gerstman, the co-founder of Zeitgeist Films. The narrative jury included *Elle* magazine's film critic Karen Durbin, writer, director and actor Alex Karpovsky and Tony award-nominated actor Raul Esparza.

This year the Festival was honored to partner with *Variety* and British Academy of Film and Television New York on their special programs and tributes.

"This year's GSA competition line-up of incredible narrative, documentary and short films portray the enormity of global talent awaiting discovery," said Anne Chaisson, Executive Director of the Hamptons International Film Festival. "We are so proud to have showcased such unique and varied visions to our audiences."

"We are pleased to have showcased an incredible array of films this year with the range and depth of subject matters and craft," said Artistic Director David Nugent. "These winners truly reflect the festival's mission to present some of the best films of the year, and we are proud to share them with our audiences."

HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL CONGRATULATES THE WINNERS:

Audience Award: Narrative Feature

PHILOMENA, directed by Stephen Frears

Audience Award: Documentary Feature

DESERT RUNNERS, directed by Jennifer Steinman

Audience Award: Short Film

ONE LAST HUG (...AND A FEW SMOOCHES) THREE DAYS AT GRIEF CAMP, directed by Irene Taylor Brodsky

The Wall Street Journal GSA Narrative Feature Winner

THE SELFISH GIANT, directed by Clio Barnard

Special Jury Prize for Extraordinary Performance to Conner Chapman in THE SELFISH GIANT

GSA Documentary Feature Winner

CODE BLACK, directed by Ryan McGarry

GSA Short Winner

WHALE VALLEY, directed by Gudmundur A. Gudmundsson

Special Jury Prize to Ensemble Cast of KUSH, directed by Shubhashish Bhutiani

The Victor Rabinowitz and Joanne Grant Award for Social Justice

THE SQUARE "Al Midan," directed by Jehane Noujaim

The Tangerine Entertainment Juice Award

FREE RIDE, directed by Shana Betz

The Jeremy Nussbaum Prize for Provocative Fiction

To be announced at a later date

The Zelda Penzel Giving Voice to the Voiceless Award

EMPTYING THE SKIES, directed by Douglas Kass and Roger Kass

And as previously announced:

The 2013 Brizzolara Family Foundation Award for a Film of Conflict and Resolution, presented in partnership with REACT to FILM

PLOT FOR PEACE by Carlos Agullo

Honorable Mention: THE SQUARE "Al Midan" by Jehane Noujaim

The 2013 Alfred P. Sloan Feature Film Prize

DECODING ANNIE PARKER by Steven Bernstein

GSA Documentary Feature Jury

Daniel Crown

Michael Halsband

Nancy Gerstman

GSA Narrative Feature Jury

Karen Durbin

Alex Karpovsky

Raul Esparza

2013 VARIETY 10 ACTORS TO WATCH

Dane Dehaan - KILL YOUR DARLINGS

Scott Haze - CHILD OF GOD

Jack Huston - KILL YOUR DARLINGS

Oscar Isaac - INSIDE LLEWYN DAVIS

Michael B. Jordan - FRUITVALE STATION

Brie Larson - SHORT TERM 12

Tatiana Maslany - PICTURE DAY

Lupita Nyong'o - 12 YEARS A SLAVE

David Oyelowo - Lee Daniels' THE BUTLER

Léa Seydoux - BLUE IS THE WARMEST COLOR

ABOUT THE HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The Hamptons International Film Festival was founded to celebrate Independent film – long, short, fiction and documentary – and to introduce a unique and varied spectrum of international films and filmmakers to our audiences. The festival is

committed to exhibiting films that express fresh voices and differing global perspectives, with the hope that these programs will enlighten audiences, provide invaluable exposure for filmmakers and present inspired entertainment for all. The 21st Annual Hamptons International Film Festival will take place October 10-14, 2013.

The Hamptons International Film Festival headquarters are located at the beautiful c/o The Maidstone Hotel on Main Street in East Hampton.

The Hamptons International Film Festival appreciates the support from their corporate sponsors including American Airlines/Altour International, Capital One, The Wall Street Journal, Silvercup Studios and A&E Indie Films.

For more information about the 2013 Hamptons International Film Festival, go to www.hamptonsfilmfest.org.

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