

HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

THE 24TH HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES HIFF AWARD WINNERS FOR BEST NARRATIVE FEATURE AND BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

GLORY AND THE EAGLE HUNTRESS

Honorable Mentions Awarded to **DIVINES** (Narrative Feature) and **THOSE WHO JUMP** (Documentary Feature)

East Hampton, NY (October 10, 2016) – The Hamptons International Film Festival today announced their award winners at a ceremony in East Hampton.

GLORY, directed by Kristina Grozeva & Petar Valchanov won the Award for Best Narrative Feature, presented by the Wall Street Journal. THE EAGLE HUNTRESS, directed by Otto Bell, received the Award for Best Documentary Feature, sponsored by ID Films. THE SILENCE, directed by Ali Asgari & Farnoosh Samadi, and IRREGULARS, directed by Fabio Palmieri, received the Award for Best Narrative Short Film and for Best Documentary Short Film, respectively.

DIVINES, directed by Houda Benyamina, received an Honorable Mention for Narrative Feature, and THOSE WHO JUMP, directed by Estephan Wagner, Moritz Siebert & Abou Bakar Sidibé, received an Honorable Mention for Documentary Feature.

The Tangerine Entertainment Juice Fund Award was awarded to WAKEFIELD, directed by Robin Swicord. This award honors an outstanding female narrative filmmaker.

BLACK SWELL, directed by Jake Honig, was awarded the Suffolk County Next Exposure Grant. This program supports the completion of high quality, original, director-driven, low-budget independent films from both emerging and established filmmakers who have completed 50% of principal photography within Suffolk County. The film was awarded a \$3,000 grant.

DISTURBING THE PEACE, directed by Stephen Apkon & Andrew Young, was awarded the 2016 Brizzolara Family Foundation Award for a Film of Conflict and Resolution.

UNLOCKING THE CAGE, directed by Chris Hegedus & D.A. Pennebaker, was awarded the Zelda Penzel Giving Voice to the Voiceless Award. This 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.

As previously announced, LOVING was presented with the Victor Rabinowitz & Joanne Grant Award for Social Justice. The award was presented to writer/director Jeff Nichols by Mark Rabinowitz at the festival's opening night on Thursday, October 6th. The annual award is handed to a film that exemplifies the values of peace, equality, global justice and civil liberties, and is named after iconic civil rights lawyer Victor Rabinowitz and his wife Joanne, an author, filmmaker and journalist. Aaron Eckhart was presented with *Variety's* Creative Impact in Acting

Award. In addition, Edward Norton was honored with the Career Achievement Award at the festival.

This year's narrative jury was comprised of David Edelstein, chief film critic for New York Magazine, NPR's Fresh Air, and regular commentator for CBS Sunday Morning; Mariska Hargitay, Emmy®- and Golden Globe® Award-winning actress known for her role as Olivia on *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*; and writer and director John Krokidas, who recently made his feature directorial debut with *KILL YOUR DARLINGS*. The documentary feature jury includes Alexis Alexanian, film producer and consultant and currently President of Production at Locomotive, a film, television and financing company that recently financed and executive produced Rebecca Miller's *MAGGIE'S PLAN*, and prior worked on films including *MISSISSIPPI BURNING* and *BONFIRE OF THE VANITIES*; Jason Janego, former Co-Founder and Co-President of RADiUS who distributed films including *SNOWPIERCER*, *IT FOLLOWS*, *BACHELORETTE*, *20 FEET FROM STARDOM* and *CITIZENFOUR*; and Julie Goldstein, President of Production at Endgame Entertainment, which has produced films including *THE DISCOVERY*, *FREEHELD*, *LOOPER* and *SIDE EFFECTS*. Prior Goldstein held executive positions at HBO and Miramax, where she worked on films including Best Picture Academy Award®-winners *CHICAGO* and *SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE* and Academy Award®-nominee *BRIDGET JONES' DIARY*, among many more.

This year the Festival was honored to partner with *Variety* for the fifth time and the New York Film Critics Circle for the 8th year.

"HIFF continues to focus on showcasing an entertaining, diverse and provocative slate of films each year. We are thrilled with the warm embrace of the films in our 24th edition and are thankful to the filmmakers for allowing us to share the films with our audiences," said David Nugent, HIFF Artistic Director.

"We are proud of the diverse slate of programming from this years festival, and are appreciative of all the support of our community, audience members, filmmakers, actors and staff who were part of such an incredible and successful weekend," said Anne Chaisson, HIFF Executive Director. "We look forward to celebrating our 25th anniversary next year."

HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL CONGRATULATES THE 2016 WINNERS:

The HIFF Award Winner for Best Narrative Feature presented by the Wall Street Journal
GLORY "Slava," directed by Kristina Grozeva & Petar Valchanov

Honorable Mention for Narrative Feature presented by the Wall Street Journal
DIVINES, directed by Houda Benyamina

HIFF Award Winner for Best Documentary Feature sponsored by ID Films
THE EAGLE HUNTRESS, directed by Otto Bell

Honorable Mention for Documentary Feature sponsored by ID Films
THOSE WHO JUMP, directed by Estephan Wagner, Moritz Siebert & Abou Bakar Sidibé

The HIFF Award Winner for Best Narrative Short Film presented by the Wall Street Journal
THE SILENCE "Il Silenzio," directed by Ali Asgari & Farnoosh Samadi

HIFF Award Winner for Best Documentary Short Film presented by ID Films

IRREGULARS, directed by Fabio Palmieri

Tangerine Entertainment Juice Fund Award

WAKEFIELD, directed by Robin Swicord

Suffolk County Film Commission Next Exposure Grant

BLACK SWELL, directed by Jake Honig

The 2016 Brizzolara Family Foundation Award for a Film of Conflict and Resolution

DISTURBING THE PEACE, directed by Stephen Apkon & Andrew Young

The Zelda Penzel “Giving Voice to the Voiceless” Award: Dedicated to Those Who Suffer in Silence

UNLOCKING THE CAGE, directed by Chris Hegedus & D.A. Pennebaker

And as previously announced:

Victor Rabinowitz and Joanne Grant Award for Social Justice

LOVING, written/directed by Jeff Nichols

Variety's Creative Impact in Acting Award

Aaron Eckhart, BLEED FOR THIS and SULLY

HIFF Career Achievement Award

Edward Norton, BUNKER77 (executive producer), BIRDMAN OR (THE UNEXPECTED VIRTUE OF IGNORANCE), COLLATERAL BEAUTY

HIFF Narrative Feature Jury

David Edelstein, Chief film critic for New York Magazine, NPR's Fresh Air, and regular commentator for CBS Sunday Morning; Chairman of the New York Critics Circle
Mariska Hargitay, Emmy® and Golden Globe® Award winning actress known for *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*
John Krokidas, writer/director, KILL YOUR DARLINGS

HIFF Documentary Feature Jury

Alexis Alexanian, President of Production at Locomotive & NYWIFT Board of Director
Jason Janego, former Co-Founder and Co-President of RADiUS
Julie Goldstein, President of Production at Endgame Entertainment & formerly of HBO and Miramax

2016 VARIETY 10 ACTORS TO WATCH

Riz Ahmed, *UNA & The Night Of*
Mahershala Ali, *MOONLIGHT, House of Cards, Luke Cage*
Rachel Brosnahan, *PATRIOTS DAY, BOOMTOWN, House of Cards*
Ana De Armas, *HANDS OF STONE, WAR DOGS, BLADE RUNNER*
Alden Ehrenreich, *HAIL, CESAR!, RULES DON'T APPLY*
Tavi Gevinson, *The Crucible* (Broadway), *ENOUGH SAID*
Kara Hayward, *MANCHESTER BY THE SEA, PATERSON*
Lucas Hedges, *MANCHESTER BY THE SEA, THE GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL*
Aja Naomi King, *THE BIRTH OF A NATION, How to Get Away With Murder*

John Legend, LA LA LAND, Oscar®-winning songwriter (SELMA)

ABOUT THE HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The Hamptons International Film Festival (HIFF) is a year-round 501(c)3 non-profit organization with events, screenings, film workshops, comprehensive summer programs and an annual film festival each October. The Festival is the premiere film event on New York State's east end, and is an intimate showcase of some of the year's best offerings in contemporary cinema from around the world. With cash and in-kind prizes handed out totaling more than \$165,000, HIFF continues to attract some of the best films of the year. Selections from all of our programs continue to play an important role during awards season. 2015 marked the 7th time in the last 8 years that a film at the Festival has become the eventual Best Picture winner at the Oscars, making HIFF the only Festival on the East Coast with such a distinction.

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 greatly appreciates the support from their corporate sponsors, including Delta Air Lines, Altour International, BMW, and WNBC New York

For more information about the 2016 Hamptons International Film Festival, go to www.hamptonsfilmfest.org.

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