

MR AND MRS ADELMAN, LOVE, CECIL and LONG SHOT TAKE AUDIENCE AWARDS AT THE 25th ANNUAL HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 5th - 9th

East Hampton, NY (October 10, 2017) – The Hamptons International Film Festival today announced their audience awards for the 25th anniversary from East Hampton. **MR AND MRS ADELMAN**, directed by Nicolas Bedos took home the Audience Award for Narrative Feature. **LOVE, CECIL**, directed by Lisa Immordino Vreeland took home the Audience Award for Documentary Feature. **LONG SHOT**, directed by Jacob LaMendola won the Audience Award for Best Short Film.

The festival ran from October 5th through October 9th and played over 115 films from around the world.

"We are thrilled to announce LOVE, CECIL, MR AND MRS ADELMAN and LONG SHOT as our audience award winners in a diverse lineup that was strong and competitive this year," said HIFF Artistic Director David Nugent. "We extend our gratitude to the filmmakers for allowing us to showcase their work, and continue to remain excited to see how our audiences react."

"We offer our most sincere congratulations to these winners and are delighted that these films resonated with our audiences," said HIFF Executive Director Anne Chaisson. "Both features are currently available for US distribution, and certainly have exciting journeys ahead of them."

Additional HIFF awards for the 25th anniversary were also handed out yesterday in East Hampton. The full list of winners below:

HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL CONGRATULATES THE 2017 WINNERS:

HIFF Audience Award for Best Narrative Feature MR AND MRS ADELMAN, directed by Nicolas Bedos

HIFF Audience Award for Best Documentary Feature LOVE, CECIL, directed by Lisa Immordino Vreeland

HIFF Audience Award for Best Short Film LONG SHOT, directed by Jacob LaMendola

All other awards below were previously announced:

The HIFF Award Winner for Best Narrative Feature UNDER THE TREE, directed by Hafsteinn Gunnar Sigurðsson

HIFF Award Winner for Best Documentary Feature, sponsored by ID Films LOTS OF KIDS, A MONKEY AND A CASTLE, directed by Gustavo Salmerón

The HIFF Award Winner for Best Narrative Short Film

DEKALB ELEMENTARY, directed by Reed Van Dyk

The HIFF Award Winner for Best Documentary Short Film, sponsored by ID Films

EDITH+EDDIE, directed by Laura Checkoway

Honorable Mention for Best Documentary Short Film, sponsored by ID Films

COMMODITY CITY, directed by Jessica Kingdon

Tangerine Entertainment Juice Fund Award

NOVITIATE, directed by Maggie Betts

Suffolk County Film Commission Next Exposure Grant

WANDERLAND, directed by Josh Klausner

The 2017 Brizzolara Family Foundation Award for a Film of Conflict and Resolution, sponsored by HighTower Sports and Entertainment

HONDROS, directed by Greg Campbell

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

THE LAST PIG, directed by Allison Argo

Victor Rabinowitz and Joanne Grant Award for Social Justice

I AM EVIDENCE, Trish Adlesic and Geeta Gandbhir & producer Mariska Hargitay

Variety's Creative Impact in Acting Award

Patrick Stewart

HIFF Lifetime Achievement Award

Julie Andrews

The Dick Cavett Artistic Champion Award

Dick Cavett

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 \$225,000, 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. 2017 marked the 7th time in a row that a film in 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. For more information please visit: www.hamptonsfilmfest.org.

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