



**THE 25TH HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES  
HIFF AWARD WINNERS FOR  
BEST NARRATIVE FEATURE AND BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE**

***UNDER THE TREE AND LOTS OF KIDS, A MONKEY AND A CASTLE***

**Julie Andrews, Dick Cavett and Patrick Stewart Honored at Festival**

**East Hampton, NY (October 9, 2017)** – The 25<sup>th</sup> Hamptons International Film Festival today announced their award winners at a ceremony in East Hampton.

**UNDER THE TREE**, directed by Hafsteinn Gunnar Sigurðsson won the Award for Best Narrative Feature. **LOTS OF KIDS, A MONKEY AND A CASTLE**, directed by Gustavo Salmerón, received the Award for Best Documentary Feature, sponsored by ID Films. **DEKALB ELEMENTARY**, directed by Reed Van Dyk, and **EDITH+EDDIE**, directed by Laura Checkoway, received the Award for Best Narrative Short Film and for Best Documentary Short Film, respectively.

**COMMODITY CITY**, directed by Jessica Kingdon, received an Honorable Mention for Documentary Short Film.

The Tangerine Entertainment Juice Fund Award was awarded to **NOVITIATE**, directed by Maggie Betts. This award honors an outstanding female narrative filmmaker.

**WANDERLAND**, directed by Josh Klausner, 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.

**HONDROS**, directed by Greg Campbell, was awarded the 2017 Brizzolara Family Foundation Award for a Film of Conflict and Resolution, sponsored by HighTower Sports and Entertainment.

**THE LAST PIG**, directed by Allison Argo, 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.

**I AM EVIDENCE** was presented with the Victor Rabinowitz & Joanne Grant Award for Social Justice. The award was presented to directors Trish Adlesic and Geeta Gandbhir & producer Mariska Hargitay on Sunday, October 8th. 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 Grant, an author, filmmaker and journalist. The award, which is accompanied by a cash prize of \$1,500, is named in honor of two people who spent their entire lives fighting for those values.

As previously announced Julie Andrews was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award. In addition, Patrick Stewart was presented with *Variety's* Creative Impact in Acting Award and Dick Cavett was honored with the inaugural "The Dick Cavett Artistic Champion Award" at the festival.

This year's Narrative Jury was comprised of Eric Kohn, chief film critic and a deputy editor for Indiewire and chairman of the New York Film Critics Circle; actor Harris Yulin, who has starred in films including *WANDERLAND* (HIFF25), *TRAINING DAY*, *SCARFACE*, and television series *Ozark* and *The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*; and producer Daniela Taplin Lundberg, who recently launched Stay Gold Features and has produced over 25 features, including *PATTI CAKE\$*, *BEASTS OF NO NATION*, *HELLO, MY NAME IS DORIS* and *THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT*. The Documentary Jury included Oscar®-nominated and Emmy®-winning producer Julie Goldman, founder of Motto Pictures, who has produced films including *LIFE*, *ANIMATED* and *THE MUSIC OF STRANGERS*, and executive produced *WEINER* and *BEST OF ENEMIES*; artist and ceramist Toni Ross, the founder of HIFF and the Founding Chair for five years; and director Roger Ross Williams, who is the first African American director to win an Oscar®, and who directed films including *LIFE*, *ANIMATED* and *MUSIC BY PRUDENCE*. This year the Festival was honored to partner with *Variety* for the sixth time and the New York Film Critics Circle for the ninth year.

"This year's lineup offered our audiences an opportunity to enter new cinematic worlds through thought-provoking, entertaining, stories," said David Nugent, HIFF Artistic Director. "This anniversary year built on 25 years of programming and commitment to bringing the best in cinema from around the world to our audiences on the East end."

"Our festival would not be possible without the passion and dedication of our brilliant staff and volunteers," said Anne Chaisson, HIFF Executive Director. "We are so grateful to all the filmmakers and actors who joined us to bring powerful engagement to their stories, and to the donors and sponsors whose support made this 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary festival a resounding success."

## **HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL CONGRATULATES THE 2017 WINNERS:**

### **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**

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

And as previously announced:

**Variety's Creative Impact in Acting Award**

Patrick Stewart

**HIFF Lifetime Achievement Award**

Julie Andrews

**The Dick Cavett Artistic Champion Award**

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**HIFF Narrative Feature Jury**

Eric Kohn, chief film critic and a deputy editor for Indiewire and chairman of the New York Film Critics Circle

Harris Yulin, actor of WANDERLAND (HIFF25), TRAINING DAY, SCARFACE, *Ozark* and *The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*

Daniela Taplin Lundberg, producer of PATTI CAKE\$, BEASTS OF NO NATION, HELLO, MY NAME IS DORIS and THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT

**HIFF Documentary Feature Jury**

Julie Goldman, founder of Motto Pictures and producer of LIFE, ANIMATED and THE MUSIC OF STRANGERS, and executive producer of WEINER and BEST OF ENEMIES

Toni Ross, artist and ceramist and the founder of HIFF and the Founding Chair for five years

Roger Ross Williams, director of LIFE, ANIMATED and MUSIC BY PRUDENCE.

**2017 VARIETY 10 ACTORS TO WATCH**

Hong Chau, INHERENT VICE, DOWNSIZING

Kiersey Clemons, DOPE, THE ONLY LIVING BOY IN NEW YORK, JUSTICE LEAGUE

Daveed Diggs, WONDER, *Black-ish*, *The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*

Ali Fazal, VICTOR & ABDUL, FURIOUS 7, FUKREY, KHAMOSHIYAN

Daniel Kaluuya, GET OUT, BLACK PANTHER, WIDOWS

Barry Keoghan, DUNKIRK, THE KILLING OF A SACRED DEER

Danielle Macdonald, PATTI CAKE\$, LADY BIRD, EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Kumail Nanjiani, THE BIG SICK, *Silicon Valley*

Grace Van Patten, THE MEYEROWITZ STORIES (NEW AND SELECTED), TRAMPS, UNDER THE SILVER LAKE

**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](http://www.hamptonsfilmfest.org).

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