

HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

**THE HATE U GIVE, THE BIGGEST LITTLE FARM and ONE SMALL STEP
TAKE AUDIENCE AWARDS AT
THE 26th ANNUAL HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

OCTOBER 4th – 8th

East Hampton, NY (October 9, 2018) – The Hamptons International Film Festival today announced their audience awards for the 26th edition from East Hampton. **THE HATE U GIVE**, directed by George Tillman Jr., took home the Audience Award for Narrative Feature. **THE BIGGEST LITTLE FARM**, directed by John Chester, took home the Audience Award for Documentary Feature. **ONE SMALL STEP**, directed by Bobby Pontillas & Andrew Chesworth, won the Audience Award for Best Short Film. All of the Audience Awards are sponsored by Out East.

The festival ran from October 4th through October 8th and played over 125 films from around the world.

“We are thrilled that these diverse, unique, and entertaining stories resonated with our audience,” said HIFF Artistic Director David Nugent. “Our Breakthrough Artist Amandla Stenberg and the director George Tillman Jr. gave a powerful introduction on Friday night for **THE HATE U GIVE**, an important film for our times, unsurprisingly leading to a post-screening standing ovation. **THE BIGGEST LITTLE FARM**, which offers a beautiful look at life’s cycles through the impactful story of one couple’s decision to resuscitate a farm in northern California, is sure to touch the hearts of people of all ages. **ONE SMALL STEP**, the first film from two former Disney artists who started their own studio last year, is an inspiring story of one girl’s determination to follow her dreams.”

Additional HIFF awards for the 26th edition were also handed out yesterday in East Hampton.

The full list of winners below:

HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL CONGRATULATES THE 2018 WINNERS:

The HIFF Audience Award Winner for Narrative Feature, sponsored by Out East
THE HATE U GIVE, directed by George Tillman Jr.

The HIFF Audience Award Winner for Documentary Feature, sponsored by Out East
THE BIGGEST LITTLE FARM, directed by John Chester

The HIFF Audience Award Winner for Short, sponsored by Out East
ONE SMALL STEP, directed by Bobby Pontillas & Andrew Chesworth

The HIFF Award Winner for Best Narrative Feature, sponsored by Netflix
ALL GOOD “ALLES IST GUT”, directed by Eva Trobisch

HIFF Award Winner for Best Documentary Feature, sponsored by Netflix

DIVIDE AND CONQUER: THE STORY OF ROGER AILES, directed by Alexis Bloom

The HIFF Award Winner for Best Narrative Short Film

FENCE "GARDHI", directed by Lendita Zeqiraj

The HIFF Award Winner for Best Documentary Short Film

GUAXUMA, directed by Nara Normande

Special Jury Prize For Acting

BORDER "GRÄNS", directed by Ali Abbasi, received a Special Jury Prize for acting for the two lead actors, Eva Melander and Eero Milonoff

The 2018 Brizzolara Family Foundation Award for a Film of Conflict and Resolution

AND BREATHE NORMALLY, directed by Ísold Uggadóttir

Vimeo Staff Pick Award

CROSS MY HEART, directed by Sontenish Myers

Suffolk County Film Commission Next Exposure Grant

ONLY THE WIND IS LISTENING, directed by Emily Anderson

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

THE CAT RESCUERS, directed by Rob Fruchtman and Steven Lawrence

Victor Rabinowitz and Joanne Grant Award for Social Justice

THE SILENCE OF OTHERS, directed by Almudena Carracedo and Robert Bahar

Industry Advocate for Women Award

Terry Lawler, Executive Director of NYWIFT

The Dick Cavett Artistic Champion Award

Alan Alda

2018 Breakthrough Artists

Kayli Carter, Cory Michael Smith, Amandla Stenberg

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 \$180,000, 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. 2018 marked the 8th 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.hamptonfilmfest.org.

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