

NFFTY 2016 AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The National Film Festival for Talented Youth (NFFTY), the world's largest and most influential film festival for emerging directors, showcases work by filmmakers 24 and younger from around the globe. NFFTY returned for its tenth consecutive year April 28 – May 1 in Seattle, Washington with thousands attending the festival. This year's festival featured 227 films from 33 states and 25 countries, with directors ranging from age 5 to 24 years. The award winners – including jury, audience and special awards – have been announced.

The winning school of the 48 HOUR FILM OFF will receive a \$1500 cash prize for their school and students will receive scholarships from Cornish College of the Arts. NEW TALENT AWARD (Ages 14 and Under) will receive scholarships to Relativity School. Cornish College of the Arts. Winner of BEST EMERGING FEMALE FILMMAKER will receive a G-Tech Hard Drive. Winner of STORY STARTS HERE will receive \$500 cash prize. Winner of the UNCHARTED FILMMAKER GRANT will receive \$25,000 in cash and production services to support the development of a documentary film. Winner of THE STATION NEXT AWARD receives travel and accommodations to TheNextFestival in Denmark during the summer of 2016. The winner of THE DOROTHY AWARD receives a \$500 cash award.

JURY AWARDS:

BEST EMERGING FEMALE FILMMAKER – Kayla Briet – Smoke That Travels

BEST DOCUMENTARY – Bune: The Boy From Constanta – Bune Tomlinson

BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM – Will I Scatter Away? – Emma Penaz Eisner

BEST MUSIC VIDEO – Music Box – Amy West

BEST ANIMATION – Metanoia – Anupama Hiregoudar, Joel Singh Negi, Robin Chakraborty, Punit Gor, Shakti Soni, Sonal Jadhav

BEST NARRATIVE SHORT – Some Monsters – Katelyn Walker, Jordan Durham, Kevin Galloway, Julia Pamies

NEW TALENT:

AGE 14 AND UNDER presented by Relativity School – Ella Fields – Unwritten

AGE 15-19 – Carol Nguyen – This Home is Not Empty

AGE 20-24 – Rayka Zehtabchi – Madaran

48 HOUR FILM OFF:

1st PLACE – University Prep

2nd PLACE – Meadowdale

3rd PLACE – The Center School

THE DOROTHY AWARD

Claire Imler and Dan Lesser – For You

STATION NEXT AWARD

Hadley Hillel

STORY STARTS HERE: SCREENPLAY COMPETITION WINNER

Judy Suh

PRODIGY CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Dan Lesser

Theo Taplitz

Zoe Calamar

UNCHARTED FILMMAKER GRANT

Will Mayo – First Night Out

AUDIENCE AWARDS:

OPENING NIGHT – Looking Down – Joe Staehly

AFTERNOON ECLECTIC – The Gold of The Tigers – Rodolfo Lissia, Guglielmo Trautvetter

A GUIDE TO GROWING UP – In The Path of My Father – RaSeph Wright, Paulina Saira, Sia Li Wright, Abubakr Uqdah

FEMME FRIDAY – Wanderlust – Christine Strongegger

TURN BACK THE CLOCK – Daggers and Dagguerotypes – Natalia Ferrara

HAPPY HOUR SHORTS – I Am Virgin – Joy Hanson, Cody Mathieson Packer, Korey VanHuis, Michelle Lynn Fogle

CINEMATIC JOURNEY – Ernie – Hadley Hillel

FRIDAY NIGHT SHORTS – (censored) – Isaiah Corey

POWERFUL GRIT – Salva Nos – Adriana Comsa, King Louie Palomo, Zack Zhao, Adan Ruiz

THE LAST LAUGH – Bubble Bath – Kevin Saxby, Alex Axworthy

BRING THE KIDS – Sometimes, Maybe – Cole Bacani

ART IN MOTION – Grey Space – Jordan Rosenbloom

CLIFHANGERS – From The Golden Gate to the Farallones – Jack Bushell, Alex Herz

MUSICAL MASTERPIECE – Armen Paul – To The Moon and Back – Michael Ayjian, Stephen Skeel

THE HUMAN RACE – Crossing Brooks County – Kaley Belval, Nina Lindberg, Eric Cotton

CENTERPIECE – Samantha Moonley's Greatest Feeling – Garrett Kennell, David Light, Janelle DeChancie, Christina Gonzalez

EXPERIMENTAL VISIONS – The Yellow Wallpaper – Sunny Mohajer

EDGE OF YOUR SEAT – The Fawn Response – Wynter Rhys

LIGHTEN UP – The Road to Jericho – Phillip G. Carroll Jr.

NORTHWEST IS BEST – Ben – Allyson Fournier, J. Edward Davis, CJ McGillivray, Paul Human

REEL ANIMATION – Elliot – Dennis Kim, Lukas Dong, Luke Ciancarelli

VARIETY HOUR – Albatross – Sverre Kvamme

COME AS YOU ARE – Revenge of the Flower Gang- Amanda Kang

AROUND THE WORLD IN TEN FILMS – Smoke That Travels – Kayla Briet

About NFFTY:

NFFTY is the largest and most influential film festival in the world for young filmmakers. NFFTY occurs each spring in Seattle and includes over 200 film screenings, panels, contests, parties and networking opportunities for emerging filmmakers. Filmmakers from around the world submit feature-length and short films in narrative, documentary, animation, music video, and experimental categories. Since its launch in 2007, NFFTY has screened films from over 2,000 filmmakers, ranging in age from 7 – 24 years. For updates and news on NFFTY, visit www.NFFTY.org or www.facebook.com/nffty.

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