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32nd Annual Florida Film Festival Announces Award Winners

Orlando, Fla. (May 3, 2023) – The Florida Film Festival has ended, and award winners have now been announced! Enzian Theater has been hosting the Florida Film Festival since 1992, and consistently attracts both prominent and up-and-coming talent in the film industry. This spring, the festival screened 168 films representing 37 countries. Of the films selected, a majority hold premiere status, including 24 world premieres. Below is a comprehensive list of award winners for the 2023 Florida Film Festival.

Jury Awards

Narrative Features

- **Special Jury Award for Singularity of Vision**
 - A Perfect Day for Caribou – Directed by Jeff Rutherford
- **Grand Jury Award for Best Narrative Feature**
 - Know Your Place – Directed by Zia Mohajerjasbi

Jury Awards

Documentary

- **Special Jury Award for Debut Feature**
 - Dusty & Stones – Directed by Jesse Rudoy
- **Grand Jury Award for Best Documentary Feature**
 - Racist Trees – Directed by Sara Newens and Mina T. Son

Jury Awards

Short Films

- **Special Jury Award for Animation**
 - “The Voice in the Hollow” – Directed by Miguel Ortega
- **Grand Jury Award for Best Animated Short**
 - “Ninety-Five Senses” - Directed by Jerusha and Jared Hess
- **Grand Jury Award for Best Narrative Short**
 - “Tender”- Directed by Samm Hodges
- **Grand Jury Award for Best Documentary Short**
 - “Ampe: Leap into the Sky, Black Girl” – Directed by Claudio Owusu and Ife Oluwamuyide

Audience Awards

- **Audience Award for Narrative Feature**
 - Egghead & Twinkie - Directed by Sarah Kambe Holland
- **Audience Award for Documentary Feature**
 - Out There: A National Parks Story - Directed by Brendan Hall
- **Matthew Curtis Audience Award for Best Short Film**
 - “Imelda is Not Alone” - Directed by Paula Heredia

- **Audience Award for Best Midnight Short**
 - "Content: The Lo-Fi Man" - Directed by Brian Lonano and Blake Myers
- **Audience Award for Best International Short**
 - "She is Oh Oh" - Directed by Léa Reguillot
- **Audience Award for Best International Feature**
 - Polite Society - Directed by Nida Manzoor
- **Audience Award for Best Florida Short**
 - "Evan Ever After" - Directed by: Ariel Mahler and Radha Mehta
- **Audience Award for Best Florida Feature**
 - Greetings from Queertown: Orlando - Directed by Jess Keller

About Enzian Theater:

Since 1992, Enzian has been the proud host of the Florida Film Festival. As part of its mission to entertain, inspire, educate, and connect the community through film, Enzian presents innovative and original cinematic programming not just during the Festival, but all year long. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, community-supported arts organization for which ticket revenue accounts for only 25% of its operating budget, Enzian owes its existence to the generosity of fans of film, food, and fun--like you. For more information on Enzian Theater, please visit [Enzian.org](http://enzian.org)

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