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**The Edmonton International Film Festival (EIFF)**

**Announces 2020 Film Awards**

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It is our privilege to announce this year’s independent feature film and short film awards. The Grand Jury Awards in the ANIMATION and LIVE ACTION, categories are now eligible for OSCAR® consideration. This year’s full festival line-up features more than 120 short films –documentary, dramatic and animation – curated from 3,000 submissions from 55 countries. Audiences cast their vote for **People’s Choice** throughout the festival – People’s Choice Award winners were announced at the Closing Night After-Party on October 5th.

**2020 People’s Choice Award**

Best Documentary Feature

***BALIKBAYAN: FROM VICTIMS TO SURVIVORS***

Director: Jon Jon Rivero | 83-mins. | Canada | [TRAILER](https://vimeo.com/173312430)

**2020 People’s Choice Award**

Best Dramatic Feature

***THEY WHO SURROUND US***Director: Troy Ruptash | 88-mins. | Canada | [TRAILER](https://vimeo.com/450277488)

**2020 People’s Choice Award**

Best Documentary Short

***RUST BUCKET***Directors: Mo Wynne & Roddy Hyduk | Canada

**2020 People’s Choice Award**

Best Dramatic Short

***UP HERE***Director: Julian Domingues | Canada

**FEATURE FILM AWARDS…**

**JURY AWARD for Best Canadian Feature (Dramatic)**

[**JASMINE ROAD**](http://www.edmontonfilmfest.com/events/jasmine-road)
Director: Warren Sulatycky | 128-mins. | Canada | [TRAILER](https://vimeo.com/379328182)

**JURY AWARD for Best International Feature (Dramatic)**

[**EDUARDO AND MONICA**](https://edmontonfilmfest.com/events/eduardo-monica/)Director/Writer: René Sampaio | 110-mins. | Brazil | [TRAILER](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGRRhY-HZaE)

**JURY AWARD for Best Canadian Feature (Documentary)**

[**OUR DANCE OF REVOLUTION**](https://edmontonfilmfest.com/events/our-dance-of-revolution/)Producer/Director: Phillip Pike | 102-mins. | Canada | [TRAILER](https://vimeo.com/322110041)

**JURY AWARD for Best International Feature (Documentary)**

[**TRANSKIDS**](https://edmontonfilmfest.com/events/transkids/)
Producer/Director: Hilla Medalia | 103-mins. | Israel | [TRAILER](https://youtu.be/9NJZmRwDUUo)

As an OSCAR® qualifying film festival, the two (2) EIFF Grand Jury Award winning short films (Live Action & Animation) were chosen by an international jury and of five (5) industry peers and are now eligible for OSCAR® consideration in 2020.

**SHORT FILM AWARDS…**

**GRAND JURY AWARD: Best Short Film (Live Action)**

[**BEAR AND THE BEEKEEPER**](https://edmontonfilmfest.com/events/the-bear-the-beekeeper/)

Director: Kristina Mileska | Canada

**GRAND JURY AWARD: Best Short Film (Animation)**

[**IF ANYTHING HAPPENS I LOVE YOU**](https://edmontonfilmfest.com/events/if-anything-happens-i-love-you/)

Directors: Will McCormack & Michael Govier | USA

**The ALLEN (Cooke) AWARD: Outstanding *LUNCHBOX SHORT***

[**CUCKOO**](https://edmontonfilmfest.com/events/cuckoo/)

Director: Jörgen Scholtens | Netherlands

**The BOBBY (Riddell) AWARD: Excellence in Cinematography**

[**WALKING**](http://www.edmontonfilmfest.com/events/SILENCE/) **THE** [**FENCELINE**](https://edmontonfilmfest.com/events/walking-the-fenceline/)Director: Jesse Foster | Calgary

**BEST LIVE ACTION SHORT (Alberta)**

[**OPERATION CLEAN SLATE**](https://edmontonfilmfest.com/events/operation-clean-slate/)Director: Jayson Therrien | Calgary

**BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT (International)**

[**MISS CURVY**](https://edmontonfilmfest.com/events/miss-curvy/)

Director: Ghada Eldemellawy | UK

**BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT (Canada)**

[**INVASION**](https://edmontonfilmfest.com/events/invasion/)

Directors: Michael Toledano & Sam Vinal | Canada

**TIED! THE WEDGIE AWARD: Best Comedy Short**

[**I CAN CHANGE**](https://edmontonfilmfest.com/events/i-can-change/)

Director: Jim Jenkins | USA

**THE EAT MY SHORT AWARD: Tastiest Food Film**

[**EGG**](https://edmontonfilmfest.com/events/egg/)

Director/Writer: Michael Goldberg | USA

**TIED! THE WEDGIE AWARD: Best Comedy Short**

[**A PIECE OF CAKE**](https://edmontonfilmfest.com/events/a-piece-of-cake/)

Directors: The Bragg Brothers | USA

**About EIFF**

The 34th Edmonton International Film Festival presented by Super Chanel takes place

 October 1 to 10. EIFF is an **OSCAR® Qualifying** festival and is ranked as a 2019 **’50 Film Festivals Worth the Entry Fee**’ by *MovieMaker Magazine*. The festival screens 150 films from 35 countries over 10 days at Landmark Cinemas 9 City Centre and a selection of the full festival program will be broadcast on Super Channel FUSE. [www.edmontonfilmfest.com](http://www.edmontonfilmfest.com)

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