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**The Edmonton International Film Festival (EIFF)  
Announces 2017 EIFF Jury & Audience Choice Awards**

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It is our privilege to announce this year's Jury Awards, chosen from an outstanding 2017 EIFF program. This year's full festival line-up featured more than 150 films – short, documentary, dramatic and feature-length – curated from a record-breaking 4,000 submissions.

**FEATURE FILM AWARDS.....**

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2017 FEATURE FILM AWARD  
for Best International Drama

[\*\*FOR THE BIRDS\*\*](#)

Director/Writer: Quentin Krog (S. Africa)

2017 FEATURE FILM AWARD  
for Best Documentary

[\*\*ROMANTIC ROAD\*\*](#)

Director: Oliver McGarvey (Canada)

2017 FEATURE FILM AWARD  
for Best Canadian Drama

[\*\*BLACK COP\*\*](#)

Director: Cory Bowles (Canada)

2017 WEDGIE AWARD  
for Best Comedy Feature

[\*\*PUBLIC SCHOOLED\*\*](#)

Director: Kyle Rideout (Canada)

All filmmakers receive our endless gratitude for the privilege to present their 'cinematic baby' to audiences in Edmonton. Congratulations! In our hearts, we consider all filmmakers at every edition of EIFF – winners!

**AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARDS.....**

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2017 EIFF Audience Award for Best  
Dramatic Feature

[\*\*INDIAN HORSE\*\*](#)

Director: Stephen S. Campanelli (Canada)

2017 EIFF Audience Award for Best Alberta  
Dramatic Short

[\*\*INDRA'S AWAKENING\*\*](#)

Director: Kellen Frost (Canada)

2017 EIFF Audience Award for Best  
Documentary Feature

[\*\*BIRTH OF A FAMILY\*\*](#)

Director/Writer: Tasha Hubbard (Canada)

2017 EIFF Audience Award for Best Alberta  
Documentary Short

[\*\*WHYTE SNUFF\*\*](#)

Dirs: Jonathan Benny & Melanie Raevn  
Brasch (Canada)

2017 EIFF Audience Award for Best  
International Dramatic Short

[\*\*SOMEONE\*\*](#)

Director: Marco Gadge (Germany)

**The following TWO (2) award-winning short films are now OSCAR® Qualifying:**

GRAND JURY AWARD for BEST SHORT FILM (Live Action)

**[WHERE THERE'S SMOKE](#)**

Director: Evan Ari Kelman (USA)

“First-rate acting, direction, editing, sound design and camera work make **WHERE THERE’S SMOKE** a winner.” | A fine and fitting tribute to the fire fighters that it honors.” | “Conveys emotional turmoil with sublime subtlety. A taut portrait of resilience.”

GRAND JURY AWARD for BEST SHORT FILM (Animation)

**[SKIN FOR SKIN](#)**

Directors: Kevin D.A. Kurytnik & Carol Beecher (Canada)

“A breathtaking journey of imagination and style with spellbinding visual transitions. A true tour de force of the animation art form.” | “Kick-ass revenge myth that re-imagines the Canadian fur trade. Trippy and unforgettable.”

**SHORT FILM AWARDS**.....

2017 SHORT FILM AWARD

for Best Canadian Drama

**[THE UNDERTAKER’S SON](#)**

Director: The Affolter Brothers

2017 JURY DISTINCTION AWARD

Presented to...

**[GRIDLOCK](#)**

Director: Ian Hunt Duffy (Ireland)

2017 JURY AWARD

for Best Alberta Short (Drama)

**[OIL MEN](#)**

Director: Samuel Larson (Canada)

2017 JURY DISTINCTION AWARD

Presented to...

**[TO BE FREE](#)**

Director: Adepero Oduye (USA)

2017 JURY AWARD

for Best International Documentary Short

**[HE WHO DANCES ON WOOD](#)**

Director: Jessica Beshir (USA)

2017 WEDGIE AWARD

for Best Comedy Short

**[SERVING JOY](#)**

Director: Martin Sharpe (Australia)

2017 JURY AWARD for

for Best Canadian Documentary Short

**[THE LAST RIDE](#)**

Director: Rick Skene (Canada)

2017 BIG DADDY AWARD

for Best Family Short Film

**[MY IRNIK](#)**

Directors: Matthew Hood & François Lebeau (Canada)

2017 JURY DISTINCTION AWARD

Presented to...

**[SOMEONE](#)**

Director: Marco Gadge (Germany)

2017 BRIAN (HENDRICKS) AWARD  
for Innovation

**[LATE SEASON](#)**

Director: Daniela Leitner  
(Portugal/France/Aust)

2017 ALLEN (COOKE) AWARD

for Best *Lunchbox Short*

**[WHEN PIGS FLY](#)**

Director: Andrew Wood (USA)

The 31st Edmonton International Film Festival (EIFF) took place from Sept. 28 to Oct. 7, 2017. A not-for-profit, charitable organization, EIFF is an OSCAR Qualifying film festival and ranked by *MovieMaker Magazine* as a '50 Film Festivals Worth The Entry Fee' (2015-2017).  
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