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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**

2017 FEATURE FILM AWARD

for Best International Drama

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

Director/Writer: Quentin Krog (S. Africa)

Sponsor: Fionn MacCool's

2017 FEATURE FILM AWARD

for Best Documentary

**[ROMANTIC ROAD](#)**

Director: Oliver McGarvey (Canada)

Sponsor: Limbo Editing

2017 FEATURE FILM AWARD

for Best Canadian Drama

**[BLACK COP](#)**

Director: Cory Bowles (Canada)

Sponsor: Roth & Ramberg

2017 WEDGIE AWARD

for Best Comedy Feature

**[PUBLIC SCHOOLED](#)**

Director: Kyle Rideout (Canada)

Sponsor: Huntington + Worth Creative Inc

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**

2017 EIFF Audience Award for Best

Dramatic Feature

**[INDIAN HORSE](#)**

Director: Stephen S. Campanelli (Canada)

Director: Marco Gadge (Germany)

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](#)**

**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)

Sponsored by Frame 30 Productions

“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 honours.” | “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)

Sponsored by SYNCRUDE 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

Sponsored by Landmark Cinemas

2017 JURY AWARD for

for Best Canadian Documentary Short

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

Director: Rick Skene (Canada)

Sponsored by Zenari’s

2017 JURY AWARD

for Best Alberta Short (Drama)

**[OIL MEN](#)**

Director: Samuel Larson

Sponsored by ACTRA

2017 JURY DISTINCTION AWARD

Presented to...

**[SOMEONE](#)**

Director: Marco Gadge (Germany)

Sponsored by CKUA Radio

2017 JURY AWARD

for Best Alberta Short (Documentary)

**[40 WINTERS](#)**

Directors: Drew Goldsack & Simon Donato

Sponsored by DOC-A

2017 JURY DISTINCTION AWARD

Presented to...

**[GRIDLOCK](#)**

Director: Ian Hunt Duffy (Ireland)

Sponsored by Sobey’s

2017 JURY AWARD

for Best International Dramatic Short

**[OSTOJA WILL MOVE YOUR PIANO](#)**

Director: Sandra Mitrovic (Serbia)

Sponsored by Edmonton’s DBA

2017 JURY DISTINCTION AWARD

Presented to...

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

Director: Adepero Oduye (USA)

Sponsored by FedEx

2017 JURY AWARD

for Best International Documentary Short

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

Director: Jessica Beshir (USA)

Sponsored by the MATRIX Hotel

2017 WEDGIE AWARD

for Best Comedy Short

**[SERVING JOY](#)**

Director: Martin Sharpe (Australia)

Sponsored by MNP

2017 BIG DADDY AWARD  
for Best Family Short Film

[MY IRNIK](#)

Directors: Matthew Hood & François  
Lebeau (Canada)

Sponsored by Edmonton Music Awards

2017 BRIAN (HENDRICKS) AWARD  
for Innovation

[LATE SEASON](#)

Director: Daniela Leitner  
(Portugal/France/Austria)

Sponsored by Garage Rock

2017 ALLEN (COOKE) AWARD  
for Best *Lunchbox Short*

[WHEN PIGS FLY](#)

Director: Andrew Wood (USA)

Sponsored by Oxford Properties

The 32nd Edmonton International Film Festival (EIFF) takes place from Sept. 27 to Oct. 6, 2018. 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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