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17TH ANNUAL NEWPORT BEACH FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES AWARD WINNERS

Newport Beach, CA – May 1, 2016 – The Newport Beach Film Festival (NBFF) announced today the winners of the 2016 Festival. On April 28, 2016, the Festival wrapped up its eight day run with the Southern California premiere of **The Fixer** starring Dominic Rains, James Franco, Rachel Brosnahan and Melissa Leo at Lido Live (3459 Via Lido, Newport Beach) with the post party in the Via Lido Plaza.

The [Newport Beach Film Festival](#) celebrated outstanding contribution to global cinema at a special event during the 17th annual Festival at the [Balboa Bay Resort](#) on April 23. Additionally, The Festival's selection committee reviewed more than 2,500 films. The Festival screened over 400 films, representing 50 countries. The films competed for Jury, Festival Honors and Audience Awards.

The 2016 Newport Beach Film Festival jury featured an impressive roster of film industry professionals, including Vice President of Film Acquisitions at Fandor, **Amanda Salazar**, Film industry veteran, **Arthur Jeppe**, Executive Director of the Cucalorus Film Festival, **Dan Brawley**, award-winning independent producer, screenwriter and director, **Hans-Martin Liebing**, Executive Vice President, Acquisitions, Research, and Network Operations for Pivot, **Jennie Morris**, Screenwriter **Kenneth Young**, Program Director for the Austin Gay & Lesbian International Film Festival (aGLIFF), **Jim Brunzell III**, Toronto International Film Festival's **Lisa Haller** and **Kim Leadford**, co-founder of StarStream Media.

NEWPORT HONORS AWARDS

NBFF WOMAN OF DISTINCTION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO

ACTING - Kate Beckinsale (*Love & Friendship*)

LEGEND AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING

CONTRIBUTION TO MUSIC IN CINEMA - Burt Bacharach (*Po*)**LEGEND AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO CINEMA** – Rita Moreno (*Remember Me*)**AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO SCREENWRITING** - Linda Woolverton

2016 JURY AWARDS

BEST FEATURE FILM – *Embers* - Claire Carré, Director

BEST ACTOR - George Kosuros - *American Wrestler: The Wizard*

BEST DIRECTOR - Claire Carre - *Embers*

BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY - Rudiger Barth, William A. Kirkley - *Orange Sunshine*

BEST DOCUMENTARY - *Off The Rails* - Adam Irving, Director

BEST EDITING - Chris Catanach - *Orange Sunshine*

SHORT FILMS

BEST NARRATIVE SHORT FILM - *Hi, How Are You* – Director, Daniel Johnson

BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT FILM - *The Last Barn Dance* - Jason Arthurs and Ted Richardson, Directors

BEST ANIMATED SHORT FILM – *Violet* - Windy Marshall, Director

BEST FOREIGN SHORT FILM – *Deszcz* - Malina Maria Mackiewicz, Director

2016 FESTIVAL HONORS:

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: DIRECTING - Bob Yari - *Papa: Hemingway in Cuba*

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: FEATURE FILM - *Love & Friendship* – Director Wit Stillman

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: FEATURE FILM - *American Wrestler: The Wizard* - Alex Ranarivelo, Director

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: FOREIGN FILM - *The Violin Teacher* – Sergio Machado, Director

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: FOREIGN FILM - *The Innocents (Agnus Dei)* – Anne Fontaine, Director

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: ACTING - Dev Patel - *The Man Who Knew Infinity*

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: ACTING - Evanna Lynch - *My Name is Emily*

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: SCREENWRITING - Alexander Janko - *Year By The Sea*

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: EDITING - Todd Holmes - *Coming Through The Rye*

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: ENSEMBLE CAST - *Love Is All You Need?*

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: SHORT FILM – *Roksana* - Shaina Pakravan, Director

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: SHORT FILM – *Zelos* - Thoranna Sigurdardottir, Director

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: SHORT FILM - *Clock Maker's Dream*

- Cashell Horgan, Director

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: SHORT FILM - *Delicate Things* -

Patrick Maxwell, Director

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: SHORT FOREIGN FILM - *Foal*

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: SHORT DOCUMENTARY FILM

Twin Visions – Louise Salter and Gavin Bowden, Directors

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: SHORT ANIMATION FILM –

Dissonance - Till Nowak, Director

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: FAMILY FILM - *Lost & Found* - Liam

O'Neill, Director

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: MUSIC – *Monument* - Israel Anthem,

Director

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: ACTION SPORTS - *Fire and Water* –

Director Thomas Brookins

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: ACTION SPORTS *Chasing Niagara* –

Rush Sturges

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: BREAKOUT PERFORMOANCE

Brianna Hildebrand – *The Voice Inside*, Actress & Producer

2016 AUDIENCE AWARDS:

FEATURE FILM – *The Lennon Report* – Jeremy Profe, Director

FEATURE FILM - *Nobody Walks in LA* – Jesse Shapiro, Director

FOREIGN FILM - *Battalion (Батальон)* - Dmitry Meskhiev, Director

DOCUMENTARY - *Orange Sunshine* - William A. Kirkley, Director

DOCUMENTARY - *The Ataxian* - Zack Bennett and Kevin Schlanser, Directors

ACTION SPORTS - *Dirty Old Wedge* - Tim Burnham, Director

ENVIRONMENTAL - *Huntwatch* - Brant Backlund, Director

ART, ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN - *Tyrus* – Pamela Tom, Director

FAMILY- *The Kids From 62-F* - Imani Shakur, Director

SHORT FILMS

BEST NARRATIVE SHORT FILM - *Seeking: Jack Tripper* - Quinlan Orear

BEST NARRATIVE SHORT FILM - *Reality+* - Coralie Fargeat, Director

BEST ANIMATED SHORT FILM – *Follow Your Heart* - Rob O'Neill, Director

BEST FOREIGN SHORT FILM – *Zaatari* - David Ghali - Director

ART, ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN - *The Whimsical Imagineer* – Ken Kebow, Director

Attendance at the 2016 Newport Beach Film Festival was 50,000 with a record number of sellouts.

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About The Newport Beach Film Festival

Celebrated as one of the leading lifestyle film festivals in the United States, the Newport Beach Film Festival seeks to bring to Orange County the best of classic and contemporary filmmaking from around the world. Committed to enlightening the public with a first-class international film program, a forum for cultural understanding and enriching educational opportunities, the NBFF focuses on showcasing a diverse collection of studio and independent films from around the globe. The 16th annual Newport Beach Film Festival ran April 21st- April 28th and will spotlight over 400 films from around the world.