



## **2019 RIFF GRAND JURY AWARDS**

**2019 FOUNDERS AWARD**  
Alfre Woodard

**2019 LEGACY AWARD**  
Eric Roberts

**2019 PIONEER AWARD**  
Excellence in Public Service & Leadership  
Andy Stefanovich

**2019**  
Grand Jury Prize  
Best Feature Film  
¿ERES TÚ, PAPÁ?

**2019**  
Grand Jury Prize  
Best Short Film  
PEPPER

**2019**  
Grand Jury Prize  
Best Feature Screenplay  
THE LEASE OF NATURE

**2019**  
Grand Jury Prize  
Best Short Screenplay

**THE WITNESS**

**2019  
Grand Jury Prize  
Best Teleplay  
TRENCH**

**2019  
Best of Festival  
Narrative Feature  
PARIS SONG**

**2019  
Best of Festival  
Documentary Feature  
ELEPHANT PATH**

**2019  
Best of Festival  
Narrative Short  
MAN STANDS STILL**

**2019  
Best of Festival  
Documentary Short  
FEEL OF VISION**

**2019  
Best of Festival  
Animated Short  
THE FOX**

**2019  
Best of Festival  
Experimental Short  
THE CAGE OF SAND**

**2019  
Best of Festival  
Music Video**

**STAND DOWN**

**2019**

**Best of Festival**

**Web Series**

**THE AMAZING GAYL PILE**

**2019 TRIBUTE AWARD**

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN MUSIC**

**RUDY LOVE & THE LOVE FAMILY BAND**

**2019 TRIBUTE AWARD**

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILM**

**BLUE NOTE RECORDS: BEYOND THE NOTES**

**2019**

**GRAND JURY PRIZE**

**Rodney the Soul Singer**

**2019**

**BEST FOLK**

**Katie & Kelly Music**

**2019**

**ALTERNATIVE INDIE**

**Barefoot Modern**

**2019**

**LOCAL FAVORITE**

**Mass FX**

**2019**

**BEST WORLD**

**Sara Ontaneda**

**2019**

**BEST REGGAE**

**Mighty Joshua**

**2019  
BEST R&B  
One**

**2019  
BEST HIP HOP  
Miah Travis**

**2019  
BEST JAM  
Hambone Relay**

**2019  
EMERGING ARTIST AWARD  
Brother Jerome**

**2019  
BEST JAZZ  
Butcher Brown**

**2019  
CRITICS' CHOICE AWARD  
Kendall Street Company**

**Best Director: Kostadin Bonev for AWAY FROM THE SHORE**

**Best Cinematography: Sunny Zhao for GIFT**

**Best Original Music: Phoebe Ryan, Jake Etheridge, and Christian  
Medice for DAKOTA**

**Best Actress: Michelle Monaghan for SAINT JUDY**

**Best Actor: Sanjar Madi for PARIS SONG**

**Best Supporting Actor: David Neal Levin for HUDSON**

**Best Supporting Actress: Angie Duke for BURNING KENTUCKY**

**Best Ensemble Cast: Michelle Monaghan, Leem Lubany, Common,  
Alfre Woodard & Alfred Molina for SAINT JUDY**

**Rising Star Award: Robbie Snow for NESTING DOLLS**

**And Gabriela Ramos for ¿ERES TÚ, PAPÁ?**

**Best Original Screenplay: Erwan Marinopoulos, Oliver Maltman, & Jean-christophe Establet for KILL BEN LYK**

**Screenplay Genre Winners**

**Best Original Drama Screenplay: BLACK SEA ROSE**

**Best Original Family Screenplay: WHERE DO THE CLOUDS GO**

**Best Original Thriller Screenplay: PERRY**

**Best Original Comedy Screenplay: EL CAMINO DE MILAGROS**

**Best Original Action Adventure Screenplay (tie): SAVING  
ESPERANZA**

**and**

**ARGUMENT FOR THE EXISTENCE OF THE ISLAND SAUDADIA**

**2019 Audience Choice Award for Best Feature Film: (Tie)  
PRESCIENCE and NESTING DOLLS**

**2019 Audience Choice Award for Best Short Film: THE ABUSED**

**2019 Audience Choice Award for Best Web Series: ONE TRUE LOVES**

**2019 Grand Jury Honorable Mention Award:**

**FRONT RANGE CHANGE**

**MADE IN MEHKE**

**2019 Audience Choice Award for Best Music Performance: SoulBurst**

**2018 RIFF GRAND JURY AWARDS**

**2018 FOUNDERS AWARD**

Kate Bosworth

**2018 LEGACY AWARD**

Danny Glover

**2018 PIONEER AWARD**

Governor Terry McAuliffe Presented by Governor Ralph Northam

**2018 CIVIC LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Donald "Spec" Campen

**2018 GRAND JURY BEST FEATURE FILM**

*The Best of All Worlds*

**2018 GRANDY JURY BEST SHORT FILM**

*Bagheera*

**2018 BEST FEATURE SCREENPLAY**

*Wonder Drug*

**2018 BEST SHORT SCREENPLAY**

*Mused*

**2018 BEST DIRECTING**

*Can Ulkay for Ayla Daughter of War*

**2018 BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY**

*Edwin Stevens for Hunting Lands*

**2018 BEST ORIGINAL MUSIC**

*40 Years In The Making: The Magic Music Band*

**2018 BEST ACTOR**

*Danila Kozlovsky for In The Hood*

**2018 BEST ACTRESS**

*Sulem Calderon for Nona*

**2018 BEST ENSEMBLE CAST**

*My Brothers*

**2018 RISING STAR AWARD**

*Jeremy Miliker for Best of All Worlds*

**2018 RISING STAR AWARD**

*Kim Seol for Ayla Daughter of War*

**2018 BEST ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY (TIE)**

*Michael Polish for Nona*

*Sophie Davout for My Brothers*

**2018 BEST ORIGINAL COMEDY SCREENPLAY**

*Brian Schwab for Out Of The Woods*

**2018 BEST ORIGINAL ACTION SCREENPLAY**

*Todd Sorrell for Parousia*

**2018 BEST ORIGINAL GENRE SCREENPLAY**

*Amanda Keener for Fireflies*

**2018 BEST ORIGINAL FAMILY SCREENPLAY**

*Lawrence Whitener for Finding Grace*

**2018 BEST ORIGINAL THRILLER SCREENPLAY**

*Paul Littell for Breakthrough*