



**2020 RICHMOND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
GRAND JURY WINNERS & AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARDS**

FILM:

Overall Grand Jury Award Winner of the Year

Narrative Feature

Victories Place (France)

Written & Directed by Yoann Guillouzouic

Narrative Short

Lake of Happiness (Spain/Belarus)

Written, Produced & Directed by Aliaksei Paluyan

Best of Festival Winners

Documentary Feature

Mr. Jimmy (USA)

Produced, directed & edited by Peter Michael Dowd

Documentary Short

Virtually Free (USA)

Directed by André Robert Lee. Produced by Susan MacLaury, Alexandra Blaney, Dawn Porter, Albie Hecht, and Hiry West

Experimental Short

Sentiments Distingués (France)

Directed & Produced by Keren Marciano

Animated Short

Into the Flame (USA)

Written & Directed by Sean McClintock, Produced by Cloie Leger/Hue & Cry

Music Video

Love is Still the Answer (Jason Mraz, Virginia, USA)

Directed by Martin Montgomery

Episodic (tie):

Motel Gravy (USA)

Written & Directed by Deborah and Christopher Mitchell. Produced by Christopher Mitchell

The Magic Shed (USA)

Directed by Andrew Carnwath, Produced by Robert Kelshian, Andrew Carnwath, Stacy Murphy, Sylvester Tucker, Dave Trowsell

Overall Individual Merit Award Winners for Film

Best Director:

Ome' - Wassim GEAGEA (Lebanon)

Best Cinematography (tie):

Jay Keitel, Man with the Silver Case (USA)

Behrooz Karamizade, Lake of Happiness (Spain/Belarus)

Best Original Music:

The Return of Space Girl (USA)

Best Actress:

Antonia Bill in the role of Clara for September (Germany)

Best Actor (tie):

Juan Carlos Aduvirij in the role of Carlos, Electric Swan (Greece)

Albert Delpy, role of Andre for Portraitist (Luxembourg)

Best Supporting Actor:

Igar Sigau for the Father in Lake of Happiness (Spain/Belarus)

Best Supporting Actress:

Nelly Prince for Madame Capdepont, The Electric Swan (Greece)

Best Ensemble Cast:

Mary Birdsong, Dominic Rains & Stephen Plunket for Stormchaser (USA)

Rising Star Award:

Lake of Happiness - Jasja/Anastasiya Plyats (Spain/Belarus)
Ome' - Elias/Jack Abboud El Janah (Lebanon)

Production Design:

Svetlana Trébulle for The She-Wolf (France)

Best Virginia Made:

16 Bars directed by Sam Bathrick (USA)

Best Family Film:

Team Marco directed by Julio Vincent Gambuto (USA)

Best Original Screenplay (tie):

Burka City - Bracq Fabrice (France) / Greta - Sparkman Clark (USA)

2020 Legacy Award

William Kelly, Can Art Stop a Bullet: William Kelly's Big Picture (Australia)

2020 Founders Award

The Zen Speaker directed by Robin Greenspun (USA)

2020 Pioneer Award for Excellence in Leadership & Public Service

Scattering CJ directed by Andrew Kalin (USA)

Audience Choice Award for Best Short

The Imminent Expiration of Seth Dodson written, produced & directed by
Alex Craig (USA)

Audience Choice Award for Best Feature (Tie)

Ticket written, produced & directed by Yoh Komaya (Japan)
Illegal written & directed by Nick Alexander & produced by Lazaro Ayala
(USA)

SCREENPLAYS:

Overall Grand Jury Best Feature Screenplay

Kaleidoscope by Adam Lapallo

Overall Grand Jury Best Short Screenplay

Found by Frederick Parks

Best Action Adventure

Skyfoxes by Marisa Forest

Best Comedy

Driving Miss Doha by Richard Spencer

Best Drama or Family

Back to the World by Shawn DePasquale

Best Horror/Thriller/Fantasy

Kindred Spirits by Hannah Rose Lomele

Teleplay

Rails by Aleksandra Milanova

MUSIC:

Best Rock or Pop

The Moon City Masters

Best Folk or Country

Rachel Messer

Best World

Jouwala Collective

Best Soul, Hip Hop, R&B

Rodney the Soul Singer

Rising Star Award

Gina Brooklyn

Emerging Artist Award

Cleophus James

Overall Grand Jury Artist of the Year

TSoul

Audience Choice Award

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