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SXSW FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2015 JURY & SPECIAL AWARDS

Austin, Texas – March 17, 2015 – The Jury and Special Award-winners of the 2015 South by Southwest (SXSW) Film Conference and Festival were announced tonight at the Festival’s Awards Ceremony at the historic Paramount Theatre. The awards were hosted by *Saturday Night Live*’s Vanessa Bayer, who is also in *Trainwreck*, which had its work-in-progress debut at SXSW on Sunday, March 15. Feature Films receiving Jury Awards were selected from the Narrative Feature and Documentary Feature Competition categories. Films in these categories, as well as all feature categories (with the exception of Special Events), and the Poster and Title Design Competition entrants, are also eligible for 2015 SXSW Film Festival Audience Awards. All Audience Awards will be announced separately on Saturday, March 21.

SXSW also announced the Jury Award-winners in Shorts Filmmaking and winners of the SXSW Film Design Awards, as well as Special Awards, including the Louis Black “Lone Star” Award and the SXSW Gamechanger Award.

SXSW continues showing films through Saturday, March 21, details can be found at sxsw.com/film.

The 2015 SXSW Film Festival Juries consisted of:

Narrative Feature Competition: Kyle Buchanan, Wesley Morris, Krista Smith

Documentary Feature Competition: Tabitha Jackson, Jason Spingarn-Koff, Alison Willmore

Shorts Program: Jeffrey Bowers, Eric Allen Hatch, Lisa Ogdie

Documentary Shorts: Gina Duncan, Charlie Phillips, Sara Rüster

Animated Shorts: Bernardo Britto, Katie Krentz, Mark Shapiro

Midnight Shorts: Kristen Bell, Roxanne Benjamin, Mette-Marie Katz

Music Videos: John T. Kunz, Maria Reinup, Kelsey Wilson

Texas Shorts: Katy Daiger Dial, Chris Ohlson, Kelly Williams

Texas High School Shorts: Bob Ray, Emily Hagins, Bart Weiss

Louis Black “Lone Star”: Victor Diaz, Marcy Garriott, Joe Leydon

Title Sequence Design: Simon Clowes, Karin Fong, Ben Radatz

Poster Design: Sean Carnegie, Tim League, Kevin Tong

Over the course of nine days, the 2015 SXSW Film Festival will screen over 150 features, consisting of 102 World Premieres, 14 North American Premieres and 11 U.S. Premieres with 62 first-time directors. 106 shorts will screen as part of 10 curated shorts programs. The 257 films were selected from a record number of overall submissions, nearly 7500, comprised of approximately 2426 features and 4935 shorts, with an overall increase of 13% over 2014.

The 2015 SXSW Film Festival Awards:

Feature Film Jury Awards

NARRATIVE FEATURE COMPETITION

Grand Jury Winner: *KRISHA*

Director: Trey Edward Shults

Special Jury Recognition for Visual Excellence: *Creative Control*

Director: Benjamin Dickinson

DOCUMENTARY FEATURE COMPETITION

Grand Jury Winner: *Peace Officer*

Directors: Scott Christopherson, Brad Barber

Special Jury Recognition for Directing: *A Woman Like Me*

Directors: Alex Sichel, Elizabeth Giamatti

Special Jury Recognition for Editing: *Twinsters*

Editor: Jeff Consiglio

Short Film Jury Awards

NARRATIVE SHORTS

Winner: *Pink Grapefruit*

Director: Michael Mohan

Special Jury Recognition: *Share*

Director: Pippa Bianco

DOCUMENTARY SHORTS

Winner: *Boxeadora*

Director: Meg Smaker

MIDNIGHT SHORTS

Winner: *Kiss Kiss Fingerbang*

Director: Gillian Wallace Horvat

ANIMATED SHORTS

Winner: *World of Tomorrow*

Director: Don Hertzfeldt

Special Jury Recognition: *teeth*

Directors: Daniel Gray, Tom Brown

MUSIC VIDEOS

Winner: *Paolo Nutini - "Iron Sky"*

Director: Daniel Wolfe

Special Jury Recognition: *DJ Snake featuring Lil' Jon - "Turn Down for What"*

Director: DANIELS

TEXAS SHORTS

Winner: *The Samaritans*

Director: John Bryant

TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL SHORTS

Winner: *It's A Thing*

Directors: Meredith Morran, Sage McCommas

SXSW Film Design Awards

EXCELLENCE IN POSTER DESIGN

Winner: *Manson Family Vacation*

Designer: Yen Tan

Special Jury Recognition: *The Ecstasy of Wilko Johnson*

Designer: Jonny Halifax

EXCELLENCE IN TITLE DESIGN

Winner: *Manhattan*

Designer: Dan Gregoras for Imaginary Forces

Special Jury Recognition: *The Fitzroy*

Designers: Chris Tozer, Marko Anstice

SXSW Special Awards

SXSW Gamechanger Award

Winner: Yvonne Kerékgyártó, *Free Entry*

Louis Black "Lone Star" Award

Winner: *Western*

Directors: Bill Ross, Turner Ross

Karen Schmeer Film Editing Fellowship

Presented to: Anna Gustavi

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About SXSW Film

Every March, creatives of all stripes gather in Austin to witness, share and inspire the visions that will galvanize the filmmakers and ideas of tomorrow. SXSW Film Conference & Festival champions the vitality, innovation and opportunity that drives the entertainment and media landscape, and boldly tackles the evolution of all aspects of "film" today, down to its very definition. A nexus of discovery and collaborative energy, SXSW Film celebrates the art and business of the possible.

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