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## SXSW FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2016 JURY AND SPECIAL AWARDS

**Austin, Texas – March 15, 2016** – The South by Southwest® (SXSW®) Film Conference and Festival announced the 2016 Jury and Special Award-winners at the SXSW Film Awards Presented by Panasonic at the historic Paramount Theatre. The awards were hosted by Mike Birbiglia, director of *Don't Think Twice*, which debuted at SXSW on Sunday, March 13. 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 Title Design Competition entrants, are also eligible for 2016 SXSW Film Festival Audience Awards. All Audience Awards will be announced separately on Saturday, March 19. 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 19, details can be found at [sxsw.com/film](http://sxsw.com/film).

**The 2016 SXSW Film Festival Juries** consisted of:

**Narrative Feature Competition:** Lindsey Bahr, Richard Brody, Alonso Duralde

**Documentary Feature Competition:** David Edelstein, Jen Yamato, Stephanie Zacharek

**Shorts Program:** Frances Bodomo, Sarah Lash, Jason Sondhi

**Documentary Shorts:** Liz Cook, Kathleen Lingo, Amanda Salazar

**Animated Shorts:** Tom Brown, Geoff Marslett, Leah Shore

**Midnight Shorts:** Owen Egerton, Michael Lerman, PJ Raval

**Music Videos:** Toby Halbrooks, Doug Klinger, John T. Kunz

**Texas Shorts:** Kat Candler, Laura Kincaid, Travis Mathews

**Texas High School Shorts:** Marcy Garriott, Bob Ray, Bart Weiss

**Louis Black “Lone Star”:** John DeFore, Victor Diaz, Christy Lemire

**Title Sequence Design:** Henry Hobson, Dan Brown, Ron Pippin

**Poster Design:** Sean Carnegie, Danny Parker, Tim League

Over the course of nine days, the 2016 SXSW Film Festival will screen over 143 features, consisting of 89 World Premieres, 12 North American Premieres and 8 U.S. Premieres, with 52 first-time filmmakers. 114 shorts will screen as part of ten curated shorts programs. The 253 films were selected from 7,240 overall submissions, consisting of approximately 2,456 features and 4,784 shorts. Meanwhile the SXSW Film Conference will have presented 200+ Film Sessions (Panels, Workshops, Keynotes, Conversations, Networking Meetups and Mentors) plus an additional 450+ Convergence sessions open to more than one badge, including Future of Entertainment and VR/AR Tracks.

## **The 2016 SXSW Film Festival Awards:**

### **Feature Film Grand Jury Awards**

#### **NARRATIVE FEATURE COMPETITION**

**Winner:** *The Arbalest*

Director: Adam Pinney

**Special Jury Recognition for Best Actor:** *Hunter Gatherer*

Actor: Andre Royo

**Special Jury Recognition for Best Actress:** *Miss Stevens*

Actress: Lily Rabe

#### **DOCUMENTARY FEATURE COMPETITION**

**Winner:** *TOWER*

Director: Keith Maitland

**Special Jury Recognition for Portrait Documentary:** *Accidental Courtesy: Daryl*

*Davis, Race & America*

Director: Matt Ornstein

**Special Jury Recognition for Cinematography:** *The Seer*

Cinematographer: Lee Daniel

**Short Film Grand Jury Awards**

Presented by OneFifty, a content incubator from Time Warner Inc.

**NARRATIVE SHORTS**

**Winner:** *How Was Your Day?*

Director: Damien O'Donnell

**Special Jury Recognition for Acting:** *Thunder Road*

Actor: Jim Cummings

**Special Jury Recognition for Writing:** *Greener Grass*

Writers: Jocelyn DeBoer & Dawn Luebbe

**DOCUMENTARY SHORTS**

**Winner:** *These C\*cksucking Tears*

Director: Dan Taberski

**Special Jury Recognition:** *Dollhouse*

Director: Terri Timely

**MIDNIGHT SHORTS**

**Winner:** *MANOMAN*

Director: Simon Cartwright

**Special Jury Recognition:** *Don't tell Mom*

Director: Sawako Kabuki

**ANIMATED SHORTS**

**Winner:** *Glove*

Directors: Alexa Lim Haas & Bernardo Britto

**Special Jury Recognition:** *Pombo Loves You*

Director: Steve Warne

**MUSIC VIDEOS**

**Winner:** Childish Gambino - "Sober"

Director: Hiro Murai

**TEXAS SHORTS**

**Winner:** *The Send-Off*

Directors: Ivete Lucas & Patrick Bresnan

**Special Jury Recognition for Acting:** *1985*

Actress: Lindsay Pulsipher

**TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL SHORTS**

**Winner:** *Lady of Paint Creek*

Director: Alexia Salingaros

**Special Jury Recognition:** *The Archer Hadley Story*

Directors: Ben Root & Alex Treviño

**SXSW Film Design Awards**

**EXCELLENCE IN POSTER DESIGN**

**Winner:** *Miss Me: The Artful Vandal*

Designer: MissMe

**Special Jury Recognition:** *Night Stalker*

Designer: New Media Ltd

**Special Jury Recognition:** *Eat My Shit*

Designer: Octavio Terol

**EXCELLENCE IN TITLE DESIGN**

**Winner:** *Sunstone*

Director: Aimée Duchamp

SXSW Special Awards

**SXSW Gamechanger Award**

**Winner:** *My Blind Brother*

Director: Sophie Goodhart

**Louis Black “Lone Star” Award**

**Winner:** *TOWER*

Director: Keith Maitland

**Karen Schmeer Film Editing Fellowship**

**Presented to:** Eileen Meyer

**Film Stills, Director Headshots can be found at:** <http://fif.sxsw.com/media>

**About SXSW Film**

Now in its 23<sup>rd</sup> year, SXSW Film brings together creatives of all stripes over nine days to experience a diverse film line up and access to more than 550+ Conference sessions with visionaries from all corners of the entertainment and media industries. SXSW 2016 takes place March 11-20 in Austin, TX.

The South by Southwest® (SXSW®) Conferences & Festivals offer the unique industry convergence of music, film, and Interactive technologies. Fostering creative and professional growth, SXSW is the premier destination for discovery. The event is a launch pad for innovative content with new media presentations, music showcases and film screenings providing exposure for creators and compelling entertainment for attendees. For more information, please visit [sxsw.com](http://sxsw.com).

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SXSW is proud to be an official qualifying festival for the Academy Awards® Short Film competition. The Best Narrative Short, Best Documentary Short and Best Animated Short winners become eligible for the Academy Awards.

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