SXSW FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES
2018 JURY AND SPECIAL AWARDS

Austin, Texas, March 13, 2018 – The South by Southwest® (SXSW®) Conference and Festivals announced the 2018 Jury and Special Award winners of the SXSW Film Festival Awards Presented by FilmStruck at the historic Paramount Theatre. The awards were hosted by actor and comedian Jim Gaffigan. Feature films receiving Jury Awards were selected from the Narrative Feature and Documentary Feature Competition categories. Films in competition categories, as well as all feature categories (with the exception of Special Events) and the Title Design Competition entrants, are also eligible for the 2018 SXSW Film Festival Audience Awards. All Audience Awards will be announced separately on Saturday, March 17, except for Headliners, which will be announced on Monday, March 19.

SXSW also announced the Jury Award winners in the Shorts Program and winners of the SXSW Film Design Awards. Special Awards included the Louis Black “Lone Star” Award, the Karen Schmeer Film Editing Fellowship, and the SXSW Adam Yauch Hörnblowér Award. The SXSW LUNA® Gamechanger Award - Narrative and SXSW LUNA® Chicken & Egg Award - Documentary were also presented, including a $10,000 artist award and mentoring to help female filmmakers hone their craft in the fiction and documentary categories, seek new and exciting opportunities, and navigate the changing media landscape.

SXSW continues showing films through Saturday, March 17. Details can be found at sxsw.com/festivals/film.

The 2018 SXSW Film Festival Juries consisted of:

- **Narrative Feature Competition:** Justin Chang, Col Needham, Emily Yoshida
- **Documentary Feature Competition:** K. Austin Collins, Violet Lucca, April Wolfe
- **Narrative Shorts Program:** Dilcia Barrera, Nick Borenstein, Brandon Harris
- **Documentary Shorts:** David Matthews, Erica Deiparine-Sugars, Pam Torno
- **Animated Shorts:** Aki Isoyama, Kirsten Lepore, Eric Power
- **Midnight Shorts:** Sara Cushman, Missy Laney, Pip Ngo
- **Music Videos:** Dan Deacon, John T. Kunz, Daniel Scheinert
- **Texas Shorts:** James Faust, Rebecca Morelo Jackson, Ali Nichols
- **Texas High School Shorts:** Barak Epstein, Bob Ray, Bart Weiss
- **Independent Episodics:** Rebecca Agbe-Davies, Christine Dávila, Randi Kleiner
Over the course of nine days, the 2018 SXSW Film Festival will screen 136 features, consisting of 89 World Premieres, 13 North American Premieres, and 6 US Premieres, with 49 first-time filmmakers. 98 shorts and 20 music videos will screen as part of 12 curated shorts programs. The 256 films were selected from 8,183 overall submissions, consisting of approximately 2,476 features and 4,433 shorts.

The 2018 SXSW Film Festival Awards:

Feature Film Grand Jury Awards

NARRATIVE FEATURE COMPETITION
Winner: Thunder Road
Director: Jim Cummings

Special Jury Recognition For First Feature: The New Romantic
Director: Carly Stone

Special Jury Recognition for Writing: Jinn
Director/Screenwriter: Nijlja Mu'min

DOCUMENTARY FEATURE COMPETITION
Winner: People's Republic of Desire
Directors: Hao Wu

Special Jury Recognition for Best Cast: This One's For The Ladies
Director: Gene Graham

Special Jury Recognition for Best Feminist Reconsideration of a Male Artist:
Garry Winogrand: All Things are Photographable
Director: Sasha Waters Freyer

Short Film Grand Jury Awards

Presented by Vimeo. Vimeo empowers video creators of all kinds to tell exceptional stories and connect with their audiences and communities.
NARRATIVE SHORTS
Winner: Emergency
Director: Carey Williams

Special Jury Recognition for Acting:
Actor: Shirley Chen from Krista

DOCUMENTARY SHORTS
Winner: My Dead Dad's Porno Tapes
Director: Charlie Tyrell

MIDNIGHT SHORTS
Winner: Milk
Director: Santiago Menghini

ANIMATED SHORTS
Winner: Agua Viva
Director: Alexa Lim Haas

Special Jury Recognition: JEOM
Director: Kangmin Kim

MUSIC VIDEOS
Winner: "Second Hand Lovers" - Oren Lavie
Director: Oren Lavie

Special Jury Recognition for Acting: "Territory" - The Blaze
Director: The Blaze

TEXAS SHORTS
Winner: An Uncertain Future
Director: Iliana Sosa & Chelsea Hernandez

TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL SHORTS
Winner: The Night I Lost My Favorite Jacket
Director: Jenna Krumerman

Special Jury Recognition: CCISD Strong
Director: Sofia Rasmussen

INDEPENDENT EPISODICS
Winner: Beast
Director: Ben Strang
Special Jury Recognition: *She’s the Ticket*
Director: Nadia Hallgren

**SXSW Film Design Awards**

**EXCELLENCE IN POSTER DESIGN**
*Winner:* *The Gospel of Eureka*
Designer: Matt Taylor

Special Jury Recognition: *A Little Wisdom*
Designer: Adam Zhu

**EXCELLENCE IN TITLE DESIGN**
*Winner:* *Counterpart*
Director: Karin Fong

Special Jury Recognition: *Godless*
Director: John Likens

**SXSW Special Awards**

SXSW LUNA® Gamechanger Award - Narrative
SXSW LUNA® Chicken & Egg Award - Documentary
LUNA, creators of the first nutrition bar for women, has championed female filmmakers for more than 17 years. In collaboration with Gamechanger Films and Chicken & Egg Pictures, LUNA is honored to offer two $10,000 artist awards and mentoring to help female filmmakers hone their craft in the fiction and documentary categories, seek new and exciting opportunities, and navigate the changing media landscape. (Opt-in Award)

**SXSW LUNA® Gamechanger Award - Narrative**

*Winner:* *First Match*
Director: Olivia Newman

Special Jury Recognition: *Unlovable*
Director: Suzi Yoonessi

**SXSW LUNA® Chicken & Egg Award - Documentary**
*Winner:* *On Her Shoulders*
Director: Alexandria Bombach
Special Jury Recognition: ¡Las Sandinistas!
Director: Jenny Murray

SXSW Louis Black “Lone Star” Award
To honor SXSW co-founder/director Louis Black, a jury prize was created in 2011 called the Louis Black “Lone Star” Award, to be awarded to a Texas film in content, filmmaker residency, or primary shooting location. (Opt-in Award)

Louis Black “Lone Star” Award
Winner: Daughters of the Sexual Revolution: The Untold Story of the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders
Director: Dana Adam Shapiro

SXSW Adam Yauch Hörnblowér Award
In honor of a filmmaker whose work strives to be wholly its own, without regard for norms or desire to conform. The Adam Yauch Hörnblowér Award is presented to a filmmaker from our Visions screening category.

SXSW Adam Yauch Hörnblowér Award
Presented to: Prospect directed by Zeek Earl and Chris Caldwell

Vimeo Staff Picks Award
In celebration of the 10-year anniversary of the Staff Picks channel, Vimeo Staff Pick Award here at SXSW. Films featured in the Narrative, Documentary, Animation, and Texas Shorts competitions are eligible for this award, which includes a $5,000 cash prize and, of course, a Vimeo Staff Pick. The Winning film will be released on Vimeo on Wednesday, March 14.

Vimeo Staff Picks Award
Presented to: Krista directed by Danny Madden

SXSW Karen Schmeer Film Editing Fellowship Presentation
The Karen Schmeer Film Editing Fellowship is a year-long experience that encourages and champions the talent of an emerging documentary editor. Awarded annually, the fellowship was created to honor the memory of gifted editor Karen Schmeer.

Karen Schmeer Film Editing Fellowship
Presented to: Kristin Bye
The SXSW Film Awards are presented by FilmStruck. FilmStruck is a new streaming service for serious film fans, offering a comprehensive library including indie, contemporary and classic art house, foreign and cult films. It is the exclusive streaming home of The Criterion Collection.

Film Stills and Headshots can be found at: http://fif.sxsw.com/media

About SXSW Film Festival
Now in its 25th year, SXSW Film Festival brings together creatives of all stripes over nine days to experience a diverse lineup and access to thousands of SXSW Conference sessions with visionaries from all corners of the entertainment, media, and technology industries. Check out the 25 Years of SXSW Film Festival Alumni memories at https://www.sxsw.com/tag/sxsw-film-25/

About SXSW
SXSW dedicates itself to helping creative people achieve their goals. Founded in 1987 in Austin, TX, SXSW is best known for its conference and festivals that celebrate the convergence of the interactive, film and music industries. The event, an essential destination for global professionals, features conference programming, showcases, screenings, exhibitions, and a variety of networking opportunities. SXSW proves that the most unexpected discoveries happen when diverse topics and people come together. SXSW 2018 will take place March 9-18, 2018.

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