



Flickerfest 2017

**26th Australian International Short Film Festival and Short Film Bureau
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WINNERS OF THE 26th ANNUAL FLICKERFEST AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The 26th annual FLICKERFEST International and Australian awards were announced this evening at a star-studded ceremony at the Bondi Pavilion, Bondi Beach. Attended by celebrated guests from the Australian and the International film industry, the Closing Night ceremony honoured the esteemed entrants in this year's competition.

FLICKERFEST's Academy® accredited Awards, including Flickerfest Award for Best International Short Film, Yoram Gross Award for Best International Animation, Virgin Australia Award for Best Australian Short Film & Flickerfest Award for Best Documentary Short Film Awards continue to cement Flickerfest's global position as a leading International Short film festival competition. Following the ceremony, a selection of award-winning films were screened before the Closing Night Party took place.

And the winners are:

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS

Flickerfest Award for Best International Short Film (Academy® Accredited)

Prize: \$2,500 AUD cash

UNGAR (CUBS) (Iceland)

Writer/Director: Nanna Kristín Magnúsdóttir

Producer: Eva Sigurdardottir and Nanna Kristín Magnúsdóttir

Special Jury Prize for Best International Short Film

LA CONVENTION DE GENÈVE (THE GENEVA CONVENTION) (France)

Writer/Director: Benoît Martin

Producer: Stéphane Demoustier, Guillaume Dreyfus, Manon Eyriey

Yoram Gross Award for Best International Short Animation (Academy® Accredited)

Prize: \$1,500 AUD cash

MR. MADILA (UK)

Writer/Director/Producer: Rory Waudby-Tolley

SAE Creative Media Institute Award for Best Use of Digital Technology in a Short Film

Prize: \$500 AUD cash

EINE VILLA MIT PINIEN (THE PINE TREE VILLA) (Germany)

Writer/Director: Jan Koester

Producer: Christine Haupt

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INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTARY COMPETITION AWARD WINNER

Flickerfest Award for Best Short Documentary Film (Academy® Accredited)

Prize: \$500 AUD cash

WIĘZI (CLOSE TIES) (Poland)

Director: Zofia Kowalewska

Producer: Studio Munka, Katarzyna Zariczny, Produkcja Filmowa

Special Mention for Documentary

THE MUTE'S HOUSE (Israel)

Writer/Director: Tamar Kay

Producer: Tamar Kay, Ariel Richter

WINDOWS ON EUROPE AWARDS

Windows on Europe Award for Best EU Short Film

Prize: \$1000 AUD cash

IL SILENZIO (THE SILENCE) (Italy, France)

Writer/ Director: Ali Asgari, Farnoosh Samadi

Producer: Giovanni Antonelli, Olivier Chantriaux

Special Mention for Windows on Europe

TIMECODE (Spain)

Writer: Juanjo Giménez, Pere Altimira

Director: Juanjo Giménez

Producer: : Juanjo Giménez, Daniel Villanueva, Arturo Méndiz

INTERNATIONAL GREENFLICKS COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS

Flickerfest GreenFlicks Award for Best Environmental Short Film

Prize: \$5000 AUD cash

GOD'S ACRE (Canada)

Writer: Kelton Stepanowich, Derek Vermillion

Director: Kelton Stepanowich

Producer: Eric Janvier, Mike Mankowski, Kelton Stepanowich

Good Environmental Choice Australia Special Jury Prize

Prize: \$250 AUD cash

RANGERS OF THE REEF (United States)

Writer: Nicholas Ellis

Director: Brady Valashinas

Special Mention for GreenFlicks

FACON (Australia)

Writer: Felicity Pickering

Director: Joshua Dang

Producer: Joshua Dang, Felicity Pickering, Barbara Ings



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AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS

Virgin Australia Award for Best Australian Short Film, (Academy® Accredited)

Prize: \$2500 AUD cash

BEAST

Writer: Carl J Sorheim

Director/Producer: Christopher Sferrazza

Yoram Gross Award for Best Australian Short Animation

Prize: \$500 AUD cash

FISH WITH LEGS

Writer: Nikos Andronicos

Director: Dave Carter

Producers: Nikos Andronicos, Tania Frampton

Canon Award for Best Direction in an Australian Short Film

Prize: Canon C100 MkII Camera valued over \$7,800 AUD

DREAM BABY

Writer/Director: Lucy Gaffy

Producer: Kiki Dillon

Media Super Award for Best Screenplay in an Australian Short Film

Prize: \$500 AUD cash

THE ELEVEN O'CLOCK

Director: Derin Seale

Writer: Josh Lawson

Producer: Derin Seale, Karen Bryson, Josh Lawson

Avid Award for Best Editing in An Australian Short Film

Prize: Avid Media Composer Editing System valued at over \$3,450 AUD

SENGATAN

Editor: Chris Ward

Writer/Director: Frank Magree

Producer: Frank Magree, Paul Henri

Miller Australia Award for Best Cinematography in an Australian Short Film

Prize: Miller 3001 System Air Tripod valued at over \$1000 AUD

IN A CANE FIELD

Cinematographer: Adric Watson

Writer/Director: Emily Avila

Producer: Emily Avila and Carolie Tapper



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NATIONAL FLICKERUP COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS

SAE Institute FlickerUp Award for Best High School Production

Prize: \$500 AUD cash

BUMPS

Writer/Director/ Producer: Austin Rosier, Maddison Green, Alyssa Byrnes, Jake Roberts

Yoram Gross FlickerUp Award for Best High School Animation

Prize: \$250 AUD cash

THE DAY THEY MET CLIVE

Writer/Director/Producer: Alako Myles

AVID FlickerUp Award for Best Editing in a High School Film

Prize: Avid Media Composer (Educational version) valued at \$3,400

TATTOO: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF A TEMPORARY TATTOO ARTIST

Writer/Director/Producer: Daniel Nieborski

Parker's Award for Best Primary School Production

Prize: \$500 AUD cash

GRANDMA'S GIFT

Writer: Kinnae Edwards, Chloe French, Amity Hutton, Lily Lacey

Director: Kinnae Edwards

Producer: Table Cape Primary School

FLICKERUP SPECIAL MENTIONS

JOURNEY

Writer/Director/Producer: Radheya Jegatheva

PANTS IN FIRE

Writer/Director/Producer: Daniel Bil

HOMEWARD BOUND

Writer/Director: Miles Gibson

Producer: Robert Gibson

FLICKERFEST's Festival Director BRONWYN KIDD has said: We are thrilled that the 2017 festival has been such a success with record crowds and great enthusiasm expressed for the programmes screened. It's great to see short film so warmly embraced by audiences across our ten-day event. I would like to congratulate all of the films selected for Flickerfest in competition this year and all of tonight's award winners.

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