WINNERS OF THE 29th ANNUAL FLiCKERFEST AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The 29th 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 honored the esteemed entrants in this year's competition. FLiCKERFEST's Academy® Qualifying Awards, including Flickerfest Award for Best International Short Film, Yoram Gross Award for Best International Animation, Flickerfest Award for Best Australian Short Film & Flickerfest Award for Best Documentary. The Flickerfest Short Film Awards continue to cement the festivals global position as a leading International Short film festival on the world stage. Following the ceremony, a selection of award-winning films 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)
Winner: The News (Albania/Spain)
Writer/Director: Lorin Terezi | Writer: Anila Balla | Producer: Anila Balla, Eduardo M Escribano Solera

Special Jury Prize
Winner: Wilma (Iceland)
Writer/Director/Producer: Hawk Bjorgnisson | Producers: Chanel Bjork Sturlodottir, Saemunder Thor Helgason, Kjarton Thor Thordarson

Yoram Gross Award for Best International Short Animation (Academy® Accredited)
Winner: Mémorable (France)
Writer/Director: Bruno Collet | Producer: Jean-François Le Corre, Mathieu Courtois

SAE Creative Media Institute Award for Best Use of Digital Technology in a Short Film
Mind My Mind (Netherlands/Belgium)
Writer/Director/Producer: Floor Adams Producer: Willem Thijssen, Tom Van Gestel

European Delegation in Australia Award for Best EU Short Film
Winner: The Land Over There (Drubenland) - (Germany)

Writer/Director: Arne Kohlweyer| Producer: Christoph Kulkula, Eike Goreczka

Highly Commended – The Jackpot (Germany)

Writer/Director/Producer: Alice von Gwinner | Producer: Hana Geissendoerfer

Australian now ASEAN Award for Best ASEAN Region Short Film
Winner: Stay Awake, Be Ready (Vietnam)

Writer/Director/Producer: Pham Thien An, Tran Van Thi

Finalist: The Tuk Tuk Of The Fifth Kind

Writer/Director: Anysay Keola | Producers: Mattie Do, Ho Hook Doong

Finalist: Limbo

Producers: Madelaine Miraflor, John Luke Miraflor
Director: John Luke Miraflor

Highly Commended: Best Script

Evening Stroll
Writer - Candra Aditya

AZURE Productions Award for Best Rainbow Short Film
The Distance Between Us & The Sky

Writer/Director: Vasilis Kekatos | Producer: Blackbird Production, Tripodes
Production

Special Mention: My Brother Is A Mermaid

Writer/Director/Producer: Alfie Dale

INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTARY COMPETITION AWARD WINNER

Flickerfest Award for Best Short Documentary Film (Academy® Accredited)
Winner: All On A Mardi Gras Day (United States)
Writer/Director/Director: Michal Pietrzyk | Producer: Celeste Caliri, David Favret, Gabriel Bienczycki

Special Mention for Documentary
Kachalka (Ireland)
Director: Gar O'Rourke | Producer: Ken Wardrop

AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS

Flickerfest Australia Award for Best Australian Short Film, (Academy® Accredited)
Winner: The Diver
Writer/Director/Producer: Michael Leonard, Jamie Helmer |Writer/Producer: Michael Leonard |Producer: Justin Pechberty, Damien Megherbi

Special Mention: The Egg
Writer/Director/Producer: Jane Cho | Producers: Ilana Lazar

Flickerfest Award for Best Direction in an Australian Short Film
Chicken
Director: Alana Hicks

Yoram Gross Award for Best Australian Short Animation
Winner: Rebooted (Australia)
Writer/Director: Michael Shanks | Producer: Nicholas Colla, Chris Hocking/LateNite Films

John Barry Award for Best Cinematography in an Australian Short Film
Blackwood
Cinematographer: Gabriel Francis

Avid Award for Best Editing in an Australian Short Film
Backpedal
Winner: Jessica Mutascio

Avid Award for Best Original Music in an Australian Short Film
The Quiet
Winner: Radheya Jegatheva

Rebel8 Award for Outstanding Emerging Female Director In honor of Samantha Rebillet:
This Perfest Day
Winner: Lydia Rui for This Perfect Day

FLiCKERFEST's Festival Director BRONWYN KIDD has said: We are thrilled that the 2020 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.