



## The 18th Annual NBFF Announces It's Award Winners

### Description

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Newport Beach, CA – April 27, 2017 – The Newport Beach Film Festival (NBFF) announced today the winners of the 2017 Festival. On April 27, 2017, the Festival wrapped up its eight day run with the Southern California Premiere of **THE EXCEPTION** starring Christopher Plummer, Lily James and Jai Courtney at the Lido Theater (3459 Via Lido, Newport Beach) with the post party in the Via Lido Plaza. The Festival opened with the West Coast Premiere of **Take Every Wave: The Life of Laird Hamilton**.

The [Newport Beach Film Festival](#) celebrated outstanding contribution to global cinema at a special event during the 18th annual Festival at the [Balboa Bay Resort](#) on April 22. Additionally, The Festival's selection committee reviewed more than 2,500 films. The Festival screened over 350 films, representing 50 countries. The films competed for Jury, Festival Honors and Audience Awards.

The 2017 Newport Beach Film Festival jury featured an impressive roster of film industry professionals, including **Claire Best**, CEO and owner of Claire Best & Associates, **Hunt Lowry**, producer and CEO/President of Rosework Films, Actor **Robert Reed Carradine**, **Mike Repsch**, Senior Vice President of Distribution and Sales at Breaking Glass Pictures, **Arienne Rocchi**, VP of Publicity at Magnolia Pictures/Magnet Releasing, **Larry Greenberg**, Head of Acquisitions and Domestic Distribution for Ambi Media Group, Oscar Nominated writer/director **Tom Van Avermaet**, and **Todd Slater**, co-founder and partner at Blue Fox Entertainment.

### Newport Honors Awards

#### Aishia taylor

#### Artist of Distinction Award

Aisha's passion for volunteering and giving back to the community is reflected in her work beyond the lens. She has been involved in organizations such as Planned Parenthood, where she served on the board, the Trust for Public Land organization, International Rescue Committee, and the Family Violence Prevention Fund. Aisha has dedicated significant time towards the Wounded Warriors Project, a charity that offers services and programs to wounded veterans and their families. In correspondence to the Wounded Warriors Project, Aisha has visited veterans at the Walter Reed

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hospital and has had a veteran on her podcast, “Girl on Guy”, to talk about his story and his sacrifices. We’re lucky to have Aisha’s new feature film, *AXIS*, which she directed, in our festival program this year. With all of her charitable contributions and her diverse array of talents in filmmaking, we’re proud to award her the Artist of Distinction Award at this year’s NBFF Honors.

## **NAT SANDERS AND JOI MCMILLON**

### **BREAKOUT AWARD**

Nat Sanders and Joi McMillon are film editors who have recently been nominated for an Academy Award on the Best Picture Winner *Moonlight*. With Joi’s nomination, she was the first African-American to be nominated for the Editing Category. *Moonlight* also won the Independent Spirit Award for Best Editing, which was Nat’s second time receiving the award, the previous being the film *Short Term 12*. We congratulate both Nat and Joi for having a truly Breakout Year in film and we can not wait to see what they will do in the future.

## **EOIN MAKEN**

### **ONE TO WATCH**

Eoin is currently shooting season 4 of Sony/NBC’s hit summer series *THE NIGHT SHIFT* playing the lead character of “TC”. He was last seen in theaters starring opposite Milla Jovovich and Ali Larter in Screen Gems’ franchise *RESIDENT EVIL: THE FINAL CHAPTER*, written and directed by Paul W.S. Anderson. Last year he was also seen in theaters starring opposite Natalie Dormer and Taylor Kinney in Focus Features’ *THE FOREST* directed by Jason Zada, as well as being seen on TV in National Geographic Channel’s Emmy nominated event series *KILLING JESUS*, starring opposite Stephen Moyer, Rufus Sewell and Kelsey Grammer. Eoin also wrote, directed, and stars opposite Jack Reynor and Tom Hopper in the Independent feature *LEOPARD* which is available on Amazon. He is also known for his work in the hit BBC series *MERLIN* starring as the swashbuckling hero “Gwaine”, and recurred on the fourth season of Showtime’s Emmy-winning series *THE TUDORS*. He also starred opposite Emilia Fox in Mike Figgis’ *SUSPENSION OF DISBELIEF*. Eoin can add to his multitude of talents, accomplished novelist, having published his first book *KINGDOM OF SCARS* which was short-listed for the Bord Gais Energy Irish Book Awards in 2014.

### **2017 AUDIENCE AWARDS:**

**Feature Film** – *Don’t Tell*

**Foreign Film** – *Sami Blood (Sameblod)*

**Documentary** – *I’ll Push You*

**ACTION SPORTS** – *Under an Arctic Sky*

**Art, Architecture + Design** – *The Gamble House*

**FAMILY**– *Scales: Mermaids are Real*

**SHORT – *Speechless***

**music – *Man in the Camo Jacket***

**2017 JURY AWARDS**

**BEST FILM – *Moon Dogs***

**Best Actor – Jack Parey Jones – *Moon Dogs***

**BEST ACTRESS – Olivia Cooke – *Katie Says Goodbye***

**Best Director – Len Collin – *Sanctuary***

**Best Cinematography – Marden Dean – *Boys in the Trees***

**Best Documentary – *City of Joy***

**Best Documentary: honorable mention – *Dateline – Saigon***

**BEST SCREENWRITER – Wayne Roberts – *Katie Says Goodbye***

**SHORT FILMS**

**Best Narrative SHORT FILM – *Enemies Within***

**Best Narrative SHORT FILM:HONORABLE MENTION: *Thanks for Dancing***

**Best Documentary SHORT FILM – *Refugee***

**Best Documentary SHORT FILM:HONORABLE MENTION – *Seeing is Believing: Women Direct***

**Best AnimatED SHORT FILM – *Second To None***

**Best AnimatED SHORT FILM: HONORABLE MENTION – *Sisyphus***

**2017 FESTIVAL HONORS:**

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: DIRECTING – Doug Nichol – *California Typewriter***

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: FEATURE FILM – *Axis* – Aisha Tyler, Director**

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: FEATURE FILM – *Score: A Film Music Documentary* – Matt Schrader, Director**

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: ACTING – David Tennant – *Mad To Be Normal***

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: ACTING – Sam Elliott – *The Hero***

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**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: ACTING** – Seána Kerslake – *A Date For Mad Mary*

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: ACTING** – Olivia Holt – *Class Rank*

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: SCREENWRITING** – Rick Darge – *Zen Dog*

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: ENSEMBLE CAST** – *Heart, Baby* – Gbenga Akinnagbe, Jackson Rathbone, Shawn-Caulin Young, Keir O'Donnell, Justice Leak, Shaun Brown, Ritchie Montgomery, Dana Gourrier, Quinton Aaron, Jamie Kennedy, Michael Badalucco, Abraham Benrubi, Big Freedia, Marcus Lyle Brown, Jay Huguley, Ann Cusack, Rick Shapiro, Gary Grubbs, Kerry Cahill, Tom Proctor

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: FOREIGN FILM** – *Cardboard Gangsters*

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: CINEMATOGRAPHY:** *Aerial Ireland*

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: EDITING:** *Horn From the Heart: The Paul Butterfield Story*

#### **SHORT FILMS**

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING** – *The Spa*

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING** – *Feeding Time*

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING** – *The Boy by The Sea (De Jongen Bij De Zee)*

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: FOREIGN SHORT FILM** – *Night Dancing*

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: DOCUMENTARY SHORT FILM** – *The Legendary Jerry G*

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: ANIMATED SHORT FILM** – *Ropes in Life (Cuerdas en la Vida)*

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: BREAKOUR PERFORMANCE** – Wang Nan – *Bao*

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILMMAKING: MUSIC VIDEO** – *Kolshik*

Attendance at the 2017 Newport Beach Film Festival was on par with last year's record attendance of 50,000 people. The 18<sup>th</sup> annual Festival had the largest participation of International filmmakers and showcased films from over 58 countries with delegations attending from Australia, Germany, Ireland and Canada. The Newport Beach Film Festival is sponsored in part by City of Newport Beach, Visit Newport Beach, Experian, Tito's Handmade Vodka, Celebrity Cruises, Fashion Island and Los Angeles Times

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