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Japanese Short Wins at Sundance

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# *And so we put goldfish in the pool.* Wins Grand Jury Prize



*(L-R) **And so we put the goldfish in the pool.**, Credit: Courtesy of Sundance Institute; **Lucia, Before and After**, Credit: Charlotte Hornsby; **Alone**, Credit: Zac Manuel.*

**Park City, Utah** â?? Winners of the 2017 Sundance Film Festival jury prizes in short filmmaking were announced today by Sundance Institute at a ceremony in Park City, Utah. The **Short Film Grand Jury Prize**, awarded to one film in the program of 68 shorts selected from 8,985 submissions, went to ***And so we put goldfish in the pool.,*** written and directed by **Makoto Nagahisa.** Full video of the ceremony is at youtube.com/sff. The Short Film program is presented by YouTube.

This yearâ??s Short Film jurors are **Shirley Kurata**, **David Lowery** and **Patton Oswalt**.

Short Film awards winners in previous years include *Thunder Road* by Jim Cummings, *World of Tomorrow* by Don Hertzfeldt, *SMILF* by Frankie Shaw, *Of God and Dogs* by Abounaddara Collective, *Gregory Go Boom* by Janicza Bravo, *The Whistle* by Grzegorz Zariczny, *Whiplash* by Damien Chazelle, *FISHING WITHOUT NETS* by Cutter Hodierne, *The Tsunami and the Cherry Blossom* by Lucy Walker and *The Arm* by Brie Larson, Sarah Ramos and Jessie Ennis.

The short film program at the Festival is the centerpiece of Sundance Instituteâ??s year-round efforts to support short filmmaking. Select Festival short films are presented as a traveling program at over 50 theaters in the U.S. and Canada each year, and short films and filmmakers take part in regional Master Classes geared towards supporting emerging shorts-makers in several cities. Sundance Instituteâ??s

Documentary Film Program, supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and in partnership with *The Guardian* and *The New York Times*â?? Op-Docs, provides grants to makers of documentary shorts around the world, including new filmmakers in Cuba featured in a Special Event program at this yearâ??s Festival.

**2017 Sundance Film Festival Short Film Jury Awards:**

The **Short Film Grand Jury Prize** was awarded to: ***And so we put goldfish in the pool.*** */ Japan (Director and screenwriter: Makoto Nagahisa) â??* One summer day, 400 goldfish were found in the swimming pool of a secondary school. This is a story about the four 15-year-old girls who put them there.

The **Short Film Jury Award: U.S. Fiction** was presented to: ***Lucia, Before and After*** / U.S.A. (Director and screenwriter: Anu Valia) â?? After traveling 200 miles, a young woman waits out Texasâ??s state-mandated 24-hour waiting period before her abortion can proceed.

The **Short Film Jury Award: International Fiction** was presented to: ***And The Whole Sky Fit In The Dead Cowâ??s Eye*** / Chile, U.S.A. (Director and screenwriter: Francisca AlegrÃa) â?? Emeteria is visited by the ghost of her *patrÃ³n*, Teodoro. She believes he has come to take her to the afterlifeâ??but he has more devastating news.

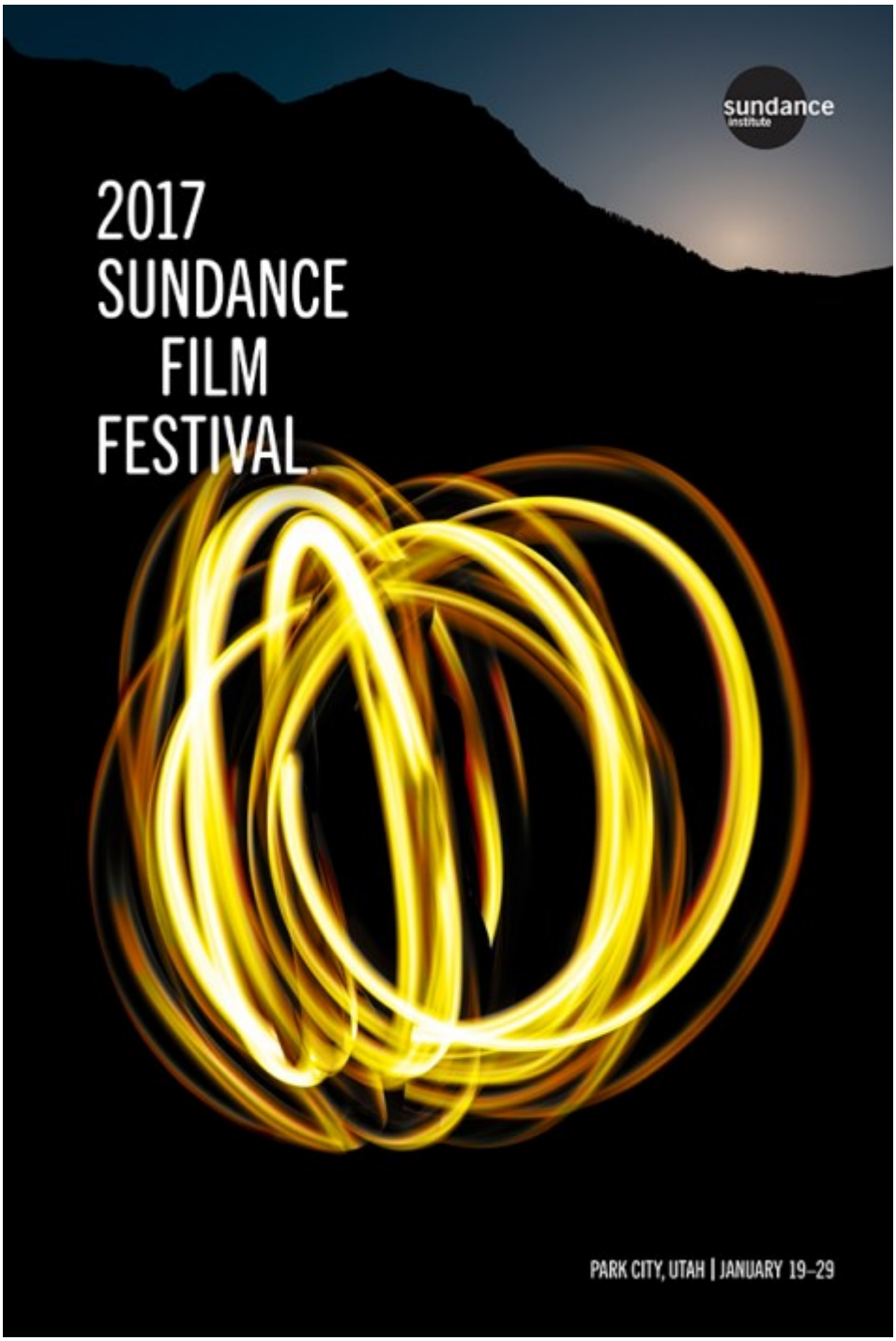
The **Short Film Jury Award: Non-fiction** was presented to: ***Alone*** / U.S.A. (Director: Garrett Bradley) â?? This investigation into the layers of mass incarceration and its shaping of the modern black American family is seen through the eyes of a single mother in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The **Short Film Jury Award: Animation** was presented to: ***Broken â?? The Womenâ??s Prison at Hoheneck*** / Germany (Directors: Volker Schlecht, Alexander Lahl, Screenwriters: Alexander Lahl, Max MÃ¶nch) â?? This animated documentary about Hoheneck, the main womenâ??s prison in former East Germany, is based on original interviews with former inmates. Itâ??s a film about political imprisonment, forced labor and enormous profits on both sides of the Iron Curtain.

A **Special Jury Award for Cinematography** was presented to: ***Dadyaa â?? The Woodpeckers of Rotha*** / Nepal, France (Directors and screenwriters: Pooja Gurung, Bibhusan Basnet, Cinematographer: Chintan Rajbhandari)â?? Atimaley and Deviâ??s village is haunted by memories. When a dear friend leaves the village without saying goodbye, the old couple faces a dilemma: keep living with the memories or leave the village for good?

A **Short Film Special Jury Award for Editing** was presented to: ***Laps*** / U.S.A. (Director and screenwriter: Charlotte Wells, editor Blair McClendon) â?? On a routine morning, a woman on a crowded New York City subway is sexually assaulted in plain sight.

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