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Announcing the 2023 CIFF Audience Choice Award Winners!

CALGARY, AB - The Calgary International Film Festival, presented by connectFirst Credit Union, wrapped up its 24th annual edition on Sunday, October 1, and is excited to announce the CIFF Audience Choice Award winners, which are based on the collective scores of audience ballots collected throughout the festival. The CIFF Audience Choice Awards are presented by TELUS.

“CIFF audiences cast over 23,000 ballots and awarded an incredibly diverse selection of films, with Jen Markowitz’s SUMMER QAMP leading the way with a remarkable 4.82 out of 5,” said Brian Owens, CIFF’s Artistic Director.

“We welcomed over 28,000 audience members for the 24th annual edition of CIFF, and we are so thankful for Calgary’s support as we look forward to the evolution of the festival and our 25th anniversary next year. Stay tuned this spring for more exciting announcements.”

CIFF AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD WINNERS

Audience Choice Award - Alberta Feature

[TALES FROM THE REZ](#)

Directors: Trevor Solway & Colin Ahnahktsipiitaa Van Loon

Audience Choice Award - Canadian Narrative Feature

[HUMANIST VAMPIRE SEEKING CONSENTING SUICIDAL PERSON](#)

Director: Ariane Louis-Seize

Audience Choice Award - Canadian Documentary Feature

[SUMMER QAMP](#) (Overall High Score)

Director: Jen Markowitz

Audience Choice Award - International Narrative Feature

[THE PERSIAN VERSION](#)

Director: Maryam Keshavarz

Audience Choice Award - International Documentary Feature

[GEOFF MCFETRIDGE: DRAWING A LIFE](#)

Director: Dan Covert

Audience Choice Award - Late Shift

[THE PUPPETMAN](#)

Director: Brandon Christensen

Audience Choice Award - Generation Next

[AITAMMAAKO'TAMISSKAPI NATOSI: BEFORE THE SUN](#)

Director: Banchi Hanuse

Audience Choice Award - Music on Screen

[IMMEDIATE FAMILY](#)

Director: Denny Tedesco

Audience Choice Award - Special Presentations

[THE OLD OAK](#)

Director: Ken Loach

Audience Choice Award - Alberta Short

[MONSTR](#)

Director: Tank Standing Buffalo

Audience Choice Award - Narrative Short

[DEAD CAT](#)

Directors: Annie-Claude Caron & Danick Audet

Audience Choice Award - Animated Short

[NINETY-FIVE SENSES](#)

Director: Jerusha Hess & Jared Hess

Audience Choice Award - Documentary Short

[JACK AND SAM](#)

Director: Jordan Matthew Horowitz

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About the Calgary International Film Festival

Founded in 2000, the Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF) is a not-for-profit charitable organization that brings films and filmmakers from around the world to Calgary for its annual Fall festival and year-round programming. CIFF is now the largest event of its kind in Alberta, bringing audiences together for remarkable and engaging cinematic experiences. CIFF is proud to present its festival from September 21 - October 1, 2023, with in-cinema screenings, celebrating stand-out stories and offering once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

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