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# Award Nominees Announced for the 25th Annual Long Island International Film Expo

This Year's Finest Filmmaking To Be Recognized and Celebrated at Festival



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Bellmore, NY (June 23nd, 2022) The award nominees for the 25th Anniversary edition of the Long Island International Film Expo (LIIFE), happening from July 13 - 17th at the historic Bellmore Movies 222 Pettit Ave, Bellmore, NY were announced today. <a href="https://www.longislandfilm.com">www.longislandfilm.com</a>

Some highlighted selections for the festival include: Cool For You (Produced by Matthew Modine), John Gray's The Little Drummer Boy (starring Xander Berkeley), Hot Water On Long Island, Hudson Falls (Starring William Sadler, Richard Kind, Jessica Hect, Robert John Burke, Tara Westwood), Montauk77, UFO Club, Launch At Paradise (Starring Catherine Curtin) and Wishlab Inc. (Starring Chad L. Coleman from "The Walking Dead", who will be appearing in person and signing autographs/merchandise at the event).

For this, the 25th anniversary, LIIFE is proud to feature 22 films made by Long Islanders, 12 World Premieres, 4 US Premieres, 39 New York Premieres, 36 Long Island Premieres, and Films from 12 countries! There are also 40 Female Directors, a record for LIIFE.

In addition to previously announced 2022 Festival Honorees Jeff Waxman of "Don't Look Up", "John Wick" and "Narc" fame (Excellence In Film And TV), "Orange is the New Black" and "Stranger Things" actress Catherine Curtin (Excellence In Creative Achievement) and long time WNBC-4 Newscaster Greg Cergol (Excellence In Broadcasting), and the annual Special Recognition Awards which include the "Alan Fortunoff Humanitarian Film Award", the Jury Award for "Best Animation" and the inaugural "Marc Stein Comedy Award" that are announced at the Closing Night Awards ceremony, here are the 2022 Film Submission Award Nominees:

#### **Best Feature**

Montauk77 Natalie Marijuana Minutes Delivering Hope Dear Audrey

### **Best Short**

Eureka West Virginian Starfish Little Drummer Boy You are Mine The Bridge

#### **Best Director**

The Little Drummer Boy - John Gray
The Wound - Sahar Nourmonavar
You are Mine - Adi Wojaczek
The West Virginian Starfish - Hyten Davidson and Tommy Martin
Rising Lotus - Gurinder J. Singh

# **Best International Film**

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# **Best Documentary Feature**

Delivering Hope
Hot Water on Long Island
Cycle of Memory
Devils Among Angels
Dear Audrey

# **Best Documentary Short**

Heirloom
The Shave
The Girl with the Accent
Why Is My Grandfather's Bed In Our Living Room?
Sound of Memories

#### **Best Actor**

Sold - Dutch Welch The Little Drummer Boy - Xander Berkeley Parrot - Ian Morrison Defense Contract - Matt Roszak Hudson Falls - Richard Kind

#### **Best Actress**

Removable - Yi Liu
Marijuana Minutes - Becca DeMarco
Hudson Falls - Tara Westwood
The West Virginian Starfish - Melanie McNulty
Divorce Diaries - Michele Marie Traina

# **Best Story**

Little Drummer Boy West Virginian Starfish The Bridge The Wound Removable

#### **Best Music Video**

Lobo

Dru Serkes - Stormy Tied Up in Song Spun - A Music Video When It All Goes Down

# **Best Long Island Film**

Montauk77 Even the Darkness Has Arms Domestic Bliss Launch at Paradise Harbor Me

# **Best Horror**

Golem
Domestic Bliss
Even the Darkness has Arms
Something Wrong with Paul
Cook With Heart

# **Best Episodic**

Left of the Dial How to Hack Birth Control Divorce Diaries Hudson Falls

# **Best Cinematography**

Golem
The Bridge
Eureka
Rising Lotus
Sold

# **Best Editing**

Subscribed Little Drummer Boy \$tack\$ The Girl Who Is Selling Fish How to Hack Birth Control

#### **Best Art Direction**

Domestic Bliss Golem The Sands of Time The Call Sold

### **Screenplays**

Chiro Killer - Runner Up Streetball Is Life - Runner up Typhoid Maria - 1st Place Winner

The Student Film Winners, including Best Student Film, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Story, Best Editing, Best Director and Best Cinematography will be announced at the Opening Night Party on Wednesday July 13th.

Then, on Sunday, July 17th beginning at 4:00pm, Please join us for the closing awards ceremony. Hosted by Kevin Brown (30 Rock) with presenters Abigail Hawk (Blue Bloods), Robert Clohessy (Blue Bloods), Lukas Hassel (The Blacklist), Sal Rendino (Billions), Chad L. Coleman (The Walking Dead), Tara Westwood (The Grudge) and others, the LIIFE closing ceremony will also feature, in person, many of the fine actors, directors, producers of the incredible films being shown all week. Additional presenters are being confirmed. Celebrities will appear, schedule permitting.

Festivals of the past have included such luminaries as the late Danny Aiello and Ed Asner, Robert Clohessy, Abigail Hawk, Ralph Macchio, John Amos, Daniel Baldwin, Ally Sheedy, 30 Rock's Kevin Brown, Cathy Moriarty, Steve Buscemi, Ed Burns, William Sadler, Ilene Kristen, and so many more.

The Long Island International Film Expo (LIIFE) is the premier filmmaker community on Long Island, and one of the most respected festivals of its kind in the world; showing almost 125 independent films of many different genres each year. Sponsored by the Long Island Film-TV Foundation (LIFTF), the County of Nassau, the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency and Gold Coast Studios, this year the 25th Anniversary installment will be

held from July 13th - July 17th, 2022 at the historic Bellmore Movies and will feature panels, networking forums and films from around the globe.

LIIFE has become a must attend festival for filmmakers and film fans alike; with local and foreign film screenings, celebrity appearances, entertaining and informative panels, a star-studded awards ceremony, Q & A with filmmakers from the world over and networking galore. Sponsored by the Long Island Film-TV Foundation (LIFTF), the County of Nassau, the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency and Gold Coast Studios.

For More Information on LIIFE or to purchase tickets, please visit: <a href="https://www.LongIslandFilm.com">www.LongIslandFilm.com</a>

LIIFE's sister festival, Scared for Your LIIFE, a short horror festival, is open for submissions at https://filmfreeway.com/ScaredforyourLiife

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