



2013 SCARBOROUGH FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES AWARDS

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Toronto, June 11th, 2013 – The first annual Scarborough Film Festival, Founder and Director Sergei Petrov, and co-Director June Kim, together with the Festival Jury Committee, announced the winners of its in competition categories tonight at a ceremony hosted at the Fox Theatre in Scarborough. The Festival ran through June 4-9, 2013.

The 2013 Scarborough Film Festival hosted a total of 17 films from over 10 countries, in categories ranging from Narrative Feature, Documentary, Short Films, Experimental, and World Cinema. All of the films were selected from over 300 submissions.

The Festival Jury comprised of Canadian entertainment and film industry leaders:

- **Sudz Sutherland** – Scarborough native and an award winning filmmaker.
- **Karen Bruce** – Director of Membership at Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television and Canadian film industry veteran.
- **Eli Glasner** – Reporter and film critic with CBC.
- **Mohit Rajhans** – Writer, Director, Producer and also a film critic with City News and OMNI TV
- **Deanna Wong** – Administrative Director of REEL CANADA awarded the in Competition films to determine Festival Grand Prix, Best Directorial Achievement, and Best Achievement in Cinematography awards.

Festival audience also played a role in awarding the Audience Choice Awards to their favorite feature and short films during the festival.

Following are the winners, awards recipients:

- **The Festival Grand Prix Feature** – Ali Blue Eyes by Claudio Giovannesi (Italy)
Honorable Mention: A Lady in Paris by Ilmar Raag (Estonia/France)
- **The Outstanding Directorial Achievement Award Feature** – Ali Blue Eyes by Claudio Giovannesi (Italy)
Honorable Mention: A Respectable Family by Massoud Bakhshi (Iran/France)
- **The Outstanding Achievement Cinematography Award Feature** – Mohamed Tayeb Laggoune – The Repentant Directed by Merzak Allouache. Winner receives \$1000 sponsored by William F. Whites International Inc.

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- **The Audience Choice Award - Feature Film** – *PANDI*, directed by Maria-Saroja Ponnambalam (Canada).
- **The Audience Choice Award - Short Film** – *Little Miss Jihad* by Stephanie Law and Jessica Wu (Canada)

For more information on all of the films in the 2013 Scarborough Film Festival, please visit scarboroughfilmfestival.com.

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About the Scarborough Film Festival:

Scarborough Film Festival is a volunteer-driven organization led by arts and culture-professionals and aficionados. There is no organization in Scarborough or similar organizations outside of Toronto's downtown core that currently provide the services and emphasis that Scarborough Film Festival will provide by bridging Scarborough and downtown Toronto, bringing people and cultures together in more accessible ways. Scarborough Film Festival will be filling an important gap in alternative programming, education and entertainment, and enhancing the cultural scene of East York and Scarborough through the art of film.

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