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Audience Awards

Audience Award
Best Short Documentary

To Henry: The Heart of Two Worlds

**Audience Award
Best Animated Short Film**

10th Life

**Audience Award
Best Environmental Feature**

Third Degree Burnout

**Audience Award
Best Sports Documentary**

Undercard

**Audience Award
Best LGBTQ Short Film**

Long Away

Audience Award
Best LGBTQ Short Film Documentary

Close To Home

**Audience Award
Best Sci Fi Feature Film**

Pleasure, Bye

Audience Award
Best International Short Film

Fowl Fate

Overall Audience Award Winner

What's Kept Inside

Best Emerging Filmmaker Feature Film

Matthew Krepp
Strangers in the Night

Lauren Meyering
Horsegirls

William Tyler Wiseman
Moonwater

Paula Thiessen
Kam Theater Lab

Timothy Andrew Angevine
A Dream Takes Flight

**Best Emerging Filmmaker
Feature Film**

WINNER

*Lauren Meyering
Horsegirls*

Best Screenplay Feature Film (Unproduced)

Sacred Sun

*Wicked Women and
Their Men*

*The National
Geographic field Guide
to Lesbians of North
America (1953 Edition)*

The Tree With No Heart

The Fourth Psalm

Letters from Thurgood

**Best Screenplay Feature Film
(Unproduced)**

WINNER

*James G. Wright,
The National Geographic Field Guide to Lesbians of
North America (1953 Edition)*

Best Screenplay Short Film

Escape

Swipe

Faithless

Best Screenplay Short Film

WINNER

Swipe

Best Student Feature Film

Texas City

Second Spring

Best Student Feature Film

WINNER

Texas City

Best Student Short Film

Sunny Side Up

It Came Home

*Long Night's
Journey*

Okagesamade

The One in Red

To You I Leave

Anyhing Helps

A Thousand Cranes

Bewildered

We May Be Them

10th Life

Best Student Short Film

WINNER

Bewildered

A Thousand Cranes

Best Student Director, U.S Short Film

Maximilian Monson
It Came Home

Jang Ho Yun
A Thousand Cranes

Jason Park
Bewildered

Katie Fuchs
Anything Helps

Okagesamade

The One in Red

To You I Leave

Sunny Side Up

Long Night's Journey

10th Life

*To Henry: The Heart of
Two Worlds*

Best Student Director, U.S Short Film

WINNER

Katie Fuchs
Anyhing Helps

Best Documentary Short Film

Dark and Tender

The Shot List

*Ed Bernal... "Disturbing
the Peace"*

Green Hill

*Edel Rodriguez:
Freedom is a Verb*

Disabled: A Love Story

The Exchange Girl

After the Bomb

Art Therapy

*Protecting Water with
Great Beer &
Washington*

Out of the Wild

Best Documentary Short Film

WINNER

The Shot List

Best Director Documentary Short Film

*Han Eckelberg
The Golden 50: A Mak Fai
Anniversary*

*Philip Alvy
Art Therapy*

*Aaron Johnson,
Dark and Tender*

*Aaron Baggenstos
The Shot List*

*Andrew Osborne
Green Hill*

*Dominika Laster, Trevor Meier
People on the Move*

*Simantini Chakraborty,
Godfrey Reggio
The Original Badass*

*Evan Mathis, Patrick Sean
O'Brien
The Hemingway*

*Taliesin Black-Brown
This Fil nn is Going to be About
a Sauna*

*David Kearsley Scherrer
Ed Bereal.. "Disturbing the Peace"*

*Evan Olson
Protecting Water with Great
Beer & Washington*

Best Director Documentary Short Film

WINNER

*David Kearsley Scherrer
Ed Boreal.. "Disturbing the Peace"*

Best Horror Short Film

Sister

The Scalpel

What's Kept Inside

Swipe

Bad Chemistry

Terror By Night

Sleepwalkers

Escape

Best Horror Short Film

WINNER

The Scalpel

Thriller Short Film

Smiley Death Face

Black Mass

Femizid

Self Love

Faithless

Camp-Watch

Happy Traveler

Thriller Short Film

WINNER

Faithless

Best Rogue Short Film

X-Mas Anonymous

Caravaggio's Last Day

My Shadow

Neuropsychosis

The Hemingway

Jess

It Came Home

It's Showtime

Okagesamade

Best Rogue Short Film

WINNER

It Came Home

Best Rogue Feature Film

The Misadventures of Vince & Hick

Undercard

Whiskey Dixie & The Big Wet Country

Moonwater

Best Rogue Feature Film

WINNER

The Misadventures of Vince & Hick

Best Musical Feature Film

WINNER

Whiskey Dixie & The Big Wet Country

Best Animated Short Film

*The Great Pastrami
Salami*

The Virus

Alienated!

Breaking News

Neon Blue

Vita Nova

10th Life

Gibbous

The Intention Invention

Retrieving Roadie

Last Lines

Best Animated Short Film

WINNER

10th Life

The Intention Invention

Best Sci-Fi Short Film

Neon Blue

Bzrk

Battle of LA

Godcasting

Leatherback

Escape

POD

Happy Traveler

Suppressus

Best Sci-Fi Short Film

WINNER

Neon Blue

Best Sports Documentary Short Film

Join or Die

Coach

Our Terrain

I'm going for a smoke

The Edge

The Transition

*The Golden 50:
A Mak Fai Anniversary*

*"Melting Memories"
Highland Ice Arena*

Best Sports Documentary Short Film

WINNER

Coach

Best Sports Documentary Feature Film

Hockeytown

Undercard

*UKE | The Untold Story
of Hockey Legend*

Best Sports Documentary Feature Film

WINNER

Undercard

Best Cinematography Short Film

Self Love

Escape Artist

True Horizon

Gemini

Lotus

*What Dreams May
Come*

Viaticium

Neuropsychosis

Ice Breath

Periphery

The One in Red

Best Cinematography Short Film

WINNER

Escape Artist

Best Editor in a Short Film

Coming Back

Sister

Faithless

Gorgeous

The Original Badass

*What Dreams May
Come*

Viaticum

*This Fil nn is Going to Be
About a Sauna*

The Hemingway

Braising

Best Editor in a Short Film

WINNER

Sister

Best Comedy/Best Comedy Horror Short Film

Grave Expectations

The Strawberries

Party Demon

The Ick

*Weekend at the End of
the World*

Tongue

Viaticum

**Best Comedy/Best Comedy
Horror Short Film**

WINNER

Grave Expectations

Best Supporting Actor in a Feature Film

Jeffrey Wright,
Atrabilious

Brian Felker
Trapped

Lew Temple,
How to Start a Cult in 5
Easy Steps

Best Supporting Actor in a Feature Film

WINNER

Jeffrey Wright

Atrabilious

Best Actress in a Short Film

Emilie Josset
Escape Artist

Alice Kremelberg
The Wanderer

Camille Pham
+33

Ames Miyako
Checking Out

Anne Leighton
Swipe

Jennifer Field
Faithless

Ruby Zoom
The Collector

Savannah Kinzer
Threshold

Lotus

Best Actress in a Short Film

WINNER

Jennifer Field
Faithless

Ames Miyako
Checking Out

Best Actor in a Short Film

Victor del Rio
Ed

Patrick Lazzarra
Faithless

Claudio Aluzzi
Self Love

Steven loomis
Saint Christopher

Lee Shorten
Happy Traveler

Alex Poteat
Behind Closed Doors

Bryce Mackie
Lotus

Louie Bayliss
Hedged

Bob Celli
Because I Love You

Bruno Pelletier
Escape Artist

Best Actor in a Short Film

WINNER

Victor del Rio
Ed

Best US Short Film

The Truth About Engines

Ed

Dark and Tender

Agami

Being Human

Grave Expectations

Bad Chemistry

Dizzy

The Wanderer

Checking Out

Faithless

Best US Short Film

WINNER

Checking Out

Best Director US Short Film

Gabrielle Deeny
Life Ruin-er

Patrick Lazzara
Faithless

Matty Peacock
The Truth About Engines

Michael Lavine
The Wanderer

Larry Ziegelman
Grave Expectations

Michael Rognlie
Bad Chemistry

Patia Prouty
Swipe

Zac La Roc
Dizzy

Victor Del Rio
Ed

Ariel Zucker
Checking Out

Patrick Pizzolorusso,
Battle of LA

Best Director US Short Film

WINNER

Michael Lavine
The Wanderer

Best Director International Short Film

Sergine Dumais,
Escape Artist

Gabrielle Deeny,
Life Ruin-er

Paul Iacovou
Potpourri

Vilde Bjerke Torset
Samso

Sunil Pal
A Day in the Life

Sean Nam
(+33)

Iaroslava Polusmak
Lilith's Window

Chava Méndez
What's Kept Inside

Best Director International Short Film

WINNER

Sergine Dumais
Escape Artist

Best International Short Film

What's Kept Inside

Life Ruin-er

Sister

Sunny Side-Up

Best International Short Film

WINNER

Sister

Best Music Video

Midnight- Days of
Thunder

Jenny's Got a
Boyfriend

Wait

Obsolete-
Yoko Gold

Danza del Sol

IWKC-Reboot

Forever 21

Get up Get
Down-Weight of
Color

Taste of Heaven

Only Twin- Give You Up

Best Music Video

WINNER

Wait

Best Director Music Video

Die Shiny-Embalmed

Chokin'

The Tasty Kings
with Blondie Chaplin
"Maybe I'm a Queen"

Triptych- Miss Velvet

Forever 21

Jenny's Got a Boyfriend

Wait

Only Twin- Give You Up

Best Director Music Video

WINNER

*Josh Martin, Ryan
McNeeley,
Only Twin-Give You Up*

*Bonnie McKee
Jenny's Got a Boyfriend*

Best Ensemble Cast Feature Film

*The Misadventures of
Vince & Hick*

Whiskey Dixie

Trapped.

Strangers in the Night

*How to Start a Cult in 5
Easy Steps*

Atrabilious

Horsegirls

Best Ensemble Cast Feature Film

WINNER

Horsegirls

**Best Achievement in Filmmaking,
Feature Film (Best Indie Feature made
for under \$100,000)**

I Never Said Goodbye

*How to Start a Cult in 5
Easy Steps*

Pleasure, Bye

A Dream Takes Flight

*Church of the Flying
Saucer*

Trapped.

Sustainable Sovereignty

**Best Achievement in Filmmaking,
Feature Film
(Best Indie Feature made for
under \$100,000)**

WINNER

*How to Start a Cult in 5 Easy
Steps*

Best Animated Feature Film

The Storm

*Look Up- The science
of cultural evolution*

Best Animated Feature Film

WINNER

The Storm

Best Original Song in a Short Film

Daughters of Apollo

Reach Out

What's Kept Inside

Syncopation

Best Original Song in a Feature Film

Daughters of Apollo

Reach Out

Syncopation

Atrabilious

Best Original Song in a Short Film

WINNER

What's Kept Inside

Best Original Song in a Feature Film

WINNER

Atrabilious

Best Soundtrack Feature Film/Short Film

Church of the Flying Saucer

The Scalpel

Best Soundtrack Feature Film/Short Film

The Scalpel

Best LGBTQ Feature Film/Web Series

*Ron Podmore's 'The Best of Central
America': Caribbean Interior
Honduras & Guatemala*

*The Boy Who Would Become A
Queen*

Best LGBTQ Short Film

The Truth About Engines

Checking Out

Collage

Close to Home

Best LGBTQ Feature Film/ Web Series

WINNER

The Truth About Engines

Best Environmental Documentary Short Film

Still Water

The Shot List

*Banded: How a Birder's-Eye View Made a
Community*

Neah Bay: Restoring Ancestral Water

"Chota Bheem"
The Snared King of Bandhavgad

Best Environmental Documentary Feature Film

*Saving Jaguars and Ourselves--The Climate
Crisis Is Now!*

Third Degree Burnout

TERRA -green planet

Tomorrow Begins Here

*Upstream, Downriver: Uniting for Water
Justice*

Seeds of Sovereignty

**Best Environmental
Documentary Short Film**

WINNER

The Shot List

**Best Environmental
Documentary Feature Film**

WINNER

Third Degree Burnout

Best Director Documentary Feature Film

The Day I Became A Cloud

Ambassador of Remembrance

Hunted in Kherson

Tales from the Atlantic Beyond

Rome As You Are

The Ugly Little Monkeys - A True American Story

The Bucket List

Creating a Photojournalist

Making Megaforce

Best Director Documentary Feature Film

WINNER

Erik Castro
Creating a Photojournalist

Best International Documentary Feature Film

Rome As You Are

Julia Lives

Bolivia Unbowed

Sideways

The Day I Became A Cloud

**Best International
Documentary Feature Film**

WINNER

Rome As You Are

Best US Documentary Feature Film

One Minute Remains

Music For Mushrooms

Warrior's Journey

The Boylston Line

Capturing Kennedy

Creating a Photojournalist

Making Megaforce

Women of Pinot

Shalom Passion: Never Again is Now!

Best US Documentary Feature Film

WINNER

Making Megaforce

Best Actress in a Feature Film

Navah Rahbar
Trapped.

Gretchen Mol
Horsegirls

Lillian Carrier
Horsegirls

Crawling Crows- Aankha
Smita Lamichane

Sara Klimoska
Lena and Vladimir

Larissa Sarah Herden
Berlin Kills Me

Best Actress in a Feature Film

WINNER

Gretchen Mol
Horsegirls

Best Actor in a U.S Feature Film

Chase Cargill

The Misadventures of Vince & Hick

Heston Horwin

The Misadventures of Vince & Hick

Tony Naumovski
Lena and Vladimir

Best Actor in a U.S Feature Film

WINNER

Heston Horwin

The Misadventures of Vince & Hick

Seattle Filmmaker Award Short Film

The Short List

10th Life

Bad Chemistry

The Golden 50: A Mak Fai Anniversary

Seattle Filmmaker Award Short Film

WINNER

Michael Rognlie
Bad Chemistry

Seattle Filmmaker Award Feature Film

Making Megaforce

*The Best of Central America:
Secrets of El Salvador's Success*

Seattle Filmmaker Award Feature Film

Winner

Making Megaforce

Seattle Filmmaker Visionary Award

Winner

Ed Bereal...

"Disturbing the Peace"

Bruce Lee Trailblazer Award

The Golden 50: A Mak Fai Anniversary

**Grand Jury
Best Director Short Film**

WINNER

*Zac Le Roc
Dizzy*

Outstanding Performance in a Feature Film

Lillian Carrier
Horsegirls

**Grand Jury Award
Best Director Feature Film**

WINNER

*Trevor Stevens
The Misadventures of Vince and Hick*

**Grand Jury Award
Best Short Film**

WINNER

What's Kept Inside

**Grand Jury Award
Best Feature Film**

WINNER

Horsegirls