



The Garden State Film Festival 2023 Winners

Narrative Feature

"The Baker"

Nicholas Tabarrok, William G. Santor, Jason Jallet, Producers
Jonathan Sobol, Director

International Narrative Feature

(Cayman Islands)

"Daniel's Gotta Die"

Nicholas Tabarrok, William G. Santor, Jason Jallet, Producers
Jeremy LaLonde, Director

M. Carroll Raver Award for Cinematography

"Ireland"

Brad Ohlund, Greg MacGillivray, Shaun MacGillivray
Cinematographers

Narrative Short

"Fight Like a Mother"

Katie Larsen, Ashley Platz, Michelle Lewitt, Olivier Gagnon, Producers
Meagan Noel Fulps, Director/Producer

Science Fiction Short

"Anemoia"

Mike Demille, Producer
Zachary Karem, Director

Lou Costello Award for Comedy Short

"Canned"

Steve Melone, Justin Guerrieri, Michael DiGioia, Anthony Echo, Producers
Steve Melone, Director

International Narrative Short

"Gnomes"

(Netherlands)

Richard Raaphorst, Bram Roza, Producers
Ruwan Heggelman, Director

International Comedy Short

"Yearmates"

(Netherlands)
Dženita Čamo, Producer
Sjoerd van Wijk, Director

Emanuel “Manny” Berlingo Award for Best Feature Length Documentary

“Heart & Soul”

Bronwyn Berry, Liz Nickles, Producers
Kenny Vance, Director

International Feature Documentary

“Global Wagner”

Moritz Bundschuh, Producer
Axel Brüggemann, Director

Short Horror

“Angel City Horror”

Josh Murphy, Producer
Matt McWilliams, Director/Producer

Short Documentary

“Fields of Devotion”

Xenia Morin, Dena Katzen Seidel, Producers
Dena Katzen Seidel, Micah Seidel, Directors

International Short Documentary

“Ireland”

Shaun MacGillivray, Producer
Greg MacGillivray, Director

Animated Short

“Gene’s Sixth Symphony”

Rick Silanskas, Larry Wilhite, Producers
Jordi Garcia, Director

International Animated Short

“The Sprayer”

(Islamic Republic of Iran)
M.Reza Karimi Saremi, Negah Khezre Fardiar, Producers
Farnoosh Abedi, Director

International Web Series/New Media

“Chateau Laurier -Season 2”

(Canada)
James Stewart, Producer/Director

Narrative Short – College/Graduate School

“Dadu”

Rajeev Colton, Producer

Raghav Puri, Director

International Narrative Short – College

“The Thing”

(Iran)

Arad Navizi, Producer/Director

International Animated Short – High School

“Illusion”

(Beijing World Youth Academy)

Julie Zheng, Director

International Narrative – High School

“Asset of Teeth”

(Emerging Limerick Filmmakers)

Róisín Leavy-Sahin, Director

International Short – High School

“Escorted”

(Drømtorp VGS)

Adrian Antonsen, Director

The Garden State Film Festival would like to recognize films shot in the State of New Jersey with the following winners in the **“Home Grown Award”** categories:

Home Grown Feature Award

Honorable Mention

“TRAP”

Anthony Edward Curry, Director

Anthony Edward Curry, Producer

Home Grown Documentary Feature

“Strength Through Visibility: Twenty Years of Pride in Jersey City”

Gregory J. Corrado, Producer

Christopher Englese, Director

Home Grown Short

“If We Run”

Millie Dweck, Producer

Anthony Yebra, Director

Home Grown Short Horror

“Haunted”

Jason Cicalese, Producer

Tom Ryan, Director

Home Grown Sci-Fi

“Glass Eyes”

Brian May Producer
Daniel Meyers, Producer/Director

Home Grown Family

“Andy & Kaliope”

Rachel Handler, Shannon Ryan, Producers
Crystal Arnette, Catriona Rubenis-Stevens, Directors

Home Grown Animation Short

“A Polar Bear Story”

Vanessa Nilsson, Director

Home Grown Documentary Short

“Dark Sacred Night”

Shana Weber, Producer
Jared Flesher, Director

Home Grown Documentary Short

“The Jersey Storm: Sandy in Monmouth County”

Christine Giordano Hanlon, Producer
Adam Worth, Director

Home Grown Music Video

“Brontë”

Ronald Graham, Marci Mazzarotto, Allison Strong, Producers
Mateo Márquez, Allison Strong, Directors

Home Grown Student Short Documentary – College

“Broken Bottles: A South Jersey Legacy”

Diana Nicolae, Producer
Darien Brown, Director

Home Grown PSA – High School

“Conservation Dog”

(Jackson Liberty High School)
Rebecca Chiafullo, Director

Home Grown Drama – High School

“Score”

(Bridgewater Raritan High School)
Chris Zou, Director

Home Grown Narrative – High School

“Taking Inventory”

(Communications High School of Monmouth County)
Aaron Diament, Director

Home Grown Romance – High School

“Maya! The Musical”

(Howell High School)

Meaghan Krantz, Ella Lambiase, Director

Home Grown Sci-Fi Short – High School

“The Summer Wind”

(Jackson Liberty High School)

Lukas Cornine, Director

Home Grown Suspense – High School

“Sugar Rush”

(Middletown High School South)

Jay M Fielding, Director

Home Grown Short – High School

“She Gazed Into The Mirror And The Sun Stared Back”

(Howell High School)

Meaghan Krantz, Director

New Jersey Hometown Documentary Short – High School

Winner

“Las Raices del Corazon”

(Collingswood High School)

Yesenia Aguilar-Medina, Director

1st Runner Up

“The Culinary Arts of South Orange”

(Columbia High School)

Stella Grace Williams, Dylan Charles Meda, Directors

The Garden State Film Festival Movie Music Competition Winners

Best Retro Song

“Back to 1964”

Composer: Philip Curcuru

Performed by: The Atomik Age Project

Best Pop Song

“Disconnected”

Composers: Krysta Youngs, Julia Sinclair

Performed by: Krysta Youngs

Best Movie Theme

"Foreboding"

Composer: Beverly Cole Putnam

Performed by: Vitor Gonçalves

Best Blue Grass Song

"Departure"

Composer: Eric Elterman and Kensuke Shoji

Performed by: Kensuke Shoji and Eric Elterman

Best Vocals in a Home Grown Score

"Cici's Sonata - Music Score"

Composer: Edward B. Kessel

Performed by: Edward B. Kessel

Best Score from a Short

"A Sunny Lovely Day"

Composer: Alberto Anaya

Performed by: Alberto Anaya

Best Orchestral Score from an Animation

"The Last Cloudweaver"

Composer: Ros Gilman

Performed by: Ros Gilman, Prague Metropolitan Orchestra

Best Country Song

"Night Skies"

Composer: Matthew Hackett & Husayn Ruhe aka the Puge

Performed by: Matthew Hackett & Husayn Ruhe aka the Puge

Best Theme from a Documentary

"Songs of Little Saigon"

Composer: Sid De La Cruz

Performed by: Tina Huynh, Jason Nguyen, Elizabeth Le, Minh Nguyen.

Conducted by Sid De La Cruz

Garden State Screenplay Competition Winners

Feature Length Screenplay:

"Curly's Camp for Girls (and Boys)"

Kelly A. Byrne

Short Length Screenplay:

"Ablaze"

Jenny Goddard-Garcia

The Garden State Film Festival (GSFF) is proud to announce the winners for its acting awards.

BEST ACTOR IN A FEATURE
Ron Perlman – *“The Baker”*

BEST ACTRESS IN A FEATURE
Betsy Brandt – *“The Grotto”*

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR IN A FEATURE
Harvey Keitel – *“The Baker”*

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN A FEATURE
Samantha Kaine – *“The Baker”*

BEST ENSEMBLE (FEATURE)
“Daniel’s Gotta Die”
Joel David Moore, Jason Jones, Mary Lynn Rajskub, Carly Chaikin
Chantel Riley, Dax Ravina, Varun Saranga, Iggy Pop, Bob Saget

BEST ACTOR IN A SHORT
Austin Pendleton – *“Ball and Vase”*

BEST ACTRESS IN A SHORT - TIE
Pamela Jayne Morgan – *“The Principal’s Assembly”*
Ashley Platz – *“Fight Like a Mother”*

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR IN A SHORT
Eme Ikwuakor – *“Fight Like a Mother”*

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN A SHORT
Alyshia Ochse – *“Fight Like a Mother”*

Honorees

Honorary Chair
County Commissioner Director Thomas A. Arnone

Lifetime Achievement for Cinematography
Ronald Vidor

Independent Spirit Award
Ron Perlman

Lifetime Achievement for Photography
Donald B. Kravitz

Spirit of New Jersey
Kenny Vance

Exceptional Women in Film

Dr. Jennifer Turner

BROADER VISION AWARD

New Jersey Natural Gas

Educator of the Year

Jody S. Lazarski

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