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The Garden State Film Festival 2022 Winners

**Bud Abbott Award for Feature Length Comedy**  
“Redemption of a Rogue”  
Emma Foley, Tamryn Reinecke Producers  
Philip Doherty, Director

**Narrative Short**  
“I’m a Vampire”  
Sofia Garza-Barba, Juan Jose Montes Iglesias, Producers  
Sofia Garza-Barba, Directors

**Narrative Short Student High School**  
“The Shoes”  
(Windward School)  
Andreas Rothbart, Director

**Science Fiction Short**  
“Welcome to Forever”  
John Gray, Melissa Jo Peltier, Producers  
John Gray, Director

**Lou Costello Award for Comedy Short**  
“Graceland”  
Brad Jayne, Stephen Moffatt, Producers  
Bonnie Discepolo, Director

**Comedy Short Student High School**  
“Plan for the Pastrami”  
(Light House Studio)  
Eli Lerdau, Steven Meyer, Jackson Snead, Solomon Goluboff-Schragger, Director
**International Comedy Short**
“Game Uber”  
(Netherlands)  
Ferdi Çelik, Producers  
Fokke Baarssen, Director

**Short Student University**
“You’re Now Beyond Hope, Arizona”  
Ethan Lazar, Wade Cicierski, Producers  
Nick Dugan, Director

**International Short Student University**
“The Writing Box”  
(Italy, United Kingdom)  
Tijana Mamula, Monica Ioana Lungeanu, Natalie Di Giorgio, Producers  
Tijana Mamula, Director

**Short Animation**
“Barking Orders”  
Ringling College of Art + Design, Producer  
Alex Tullo, Director

**Short Animation Student – University**
“Duet”  
(DePaul University)  
Yadid Hirschtritt Licht, Producer/Director

**International Short Animation**
“Red”  
(Canada)  
Ronald McDougall, Producer/Director

**Short Animation Student - High School**
“Finding Purpose”  
(Fordham Preparatory School)  
James Kirby, Director

**Emanuel “Manny” Berlingo Award for Best Feature Length Documentary**
“Absolute Power: Nasdaq Exposed”  
Bryan O’Connell, Steve DeVore, Alexander Urazov, Producers  
Bryan O’Connell, Director
Short Documentary
“Shiny Objects- The Conductor With ADHD”
Gillie Richards, Marion Barschel, Producers
Gillie Richards, Director

International Short Documentary
“The Girl with The Accent”
(United Arab Emirates)
Nadia Durry, Producer/Director

Short Documentary Student - University
“Yellow Panther”
(Chapman University)
Orion Huang, Producer/Director

Commercial
“Thank You Big Brother”
Eric Sanchez, Producer
Erix Mercedes, Director

Web Series/New Media
“Scratch This the Series”
Laura Dowling Shea, Jessica Sherr, Jessica Alexandra Green, Producers
Jody Lauren Miller, Director

Web Series/New Media - International
“The Communist’s Daughter”
Lauren Corber Executive Producer
Natalie Novak, Producer
Leah Cameron, Director

Pilot
“Mt. Mystic Rangers”
Jeremy Dunlap, Mindy Lopez Dunlap, Seth Dunlap, John David Harris,
Cory Quintard, Robyn Quintard, Beta Angarole, Producers
Jeremy Dunlap, Director

Music Video
“The Big Apple Grind”
George Kostopoulos, Producer
Bruno Taniguchi, 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:

**Kevin Smith Award for Home Grown Feature**
“Splinter”
Thomas Ryan, Producer/Director

**Home Grown Documentary Feature**
“Some Guy Named Bill”
Enrico Bolognino, Producer/Director

**Home Grown Short**
“Matthew”
Robert Palumbo, Tom Slevin, Christopher Pasi, Producers
Matt Servitto, Director

**Home Grown Narrative Short Student - High School**
“The Love That Remains”
(Middletown South High School)
Maura Collins/Darla Matches, Director

**Home Grown Drama Short Student - High School**
“Hunter”
(Metuchen High School)
Michelle Tang, Director

**Home Grown Romance Short Student - High School**
“Miss Fortune”
(High Tech High School)
Samiksha Thakur, Director

**Home Grown Sci-Fi Short Student - High School**
“Airstream”
(Blair Academy)
Gabi Berstein, Director

**Home Grown Comedy Short Student - High School**
“A Fistful of Pasta”
(Middletown High School South)
Joseph Guzzone, Tyrone Shields, Tom Hernandez, Director
Home Grown Documentary Short
“Wood Vibrations”
Gavin Shwahla, Brian Sienkiewicz, Producers
Gavin Shwahla, Director

Home Grown Documentary Short Student - High School
“iLive”
(Perth Amboy High School)
Alanna Rivera, Director

Home Grown Music Video
“Shelter by Patrizsha”
Patrizsha, Producer
Arthur Saken, Director

Home Grown Student Short – University
“Dirt”
(Rutgers University)
Abigail Weinick, Producer/Director

Home Grown Student Short – High School
“He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not”
(Howell High School)
Amanda Katz, Director

Home Grown PSA
“Water Spirit”
Abbey Koshak, Director

New Jersey Hometown Documentary Short – High School
“Turning Iron Into Art: The Boonton Story”
(Boonton High School)
Dylan Visioli, Director

1st Runner Up “Submergent Music - A Guy Named Pete”
(Middletown High School South)
Maura Collins, Jay Fielding, Grace Wilson, Erika Ridgway, Isabella Campion, Alicia Aponte, Stephen Sassano, Joseph Costa, Gigi Maiorana, Directors
The Garden State Film Festival Movie Music Competition Winners

**Best Homegrown Pop Song**
“I Need Your Love”
Composer: Paul Perrina
Performed by: Pat Guadagno

**Best Song from Homegrown Short**
“Start Again”
Composer: Griffin Berger
Performed by: Griffin Berger

**Best Song from a Feature Film Drama**
“Somewhere New”
Composer: Eddie Tadross
Performed by: Eddie Tadross

**Best International Short Documentary Score**
“The Last Minute”
Composers: Alfred Phakathi and James Bassingthwaite
Performed by: The Mzansi Youth Choir of Soweto, South Africa

**Best Main Theme from a Feature Documentary**
“The Red River Flood”
Composer: Brian Katona
Performed by: Brian Katona; Featuring Samantha Tomblin

**Best Homegrown Country Song**
“How Long”
Composer: Karen Phillips
Performed by: Karen Phillips, Jeff Levine, Gary Oleyar, Mike Mizwinski, Paul Avrutin, Joe Chirco

**Best Orchestral Theme**
“Ashley’s Theme”
Composer: Benjamin Krause
Performed by: Benjamin Krause
Garden State Screenplay Competition Winners

Feature Length Screenplay
“Shelter In Solitude”
Siobhan Fallon Hogan

Short Length Screenplay
“Overdue”
Penny Jackson and Melissa Skirboll

Garden State Acting Award Winners

Best Actor – Feature Film
Aaron Monaghan
“Redemption of a Rogue”

Best Actress – Feature Film
Mariette Hartley
“Our almost completely TRUE STORY”

Best Supporting Actor – Feature Film
Kieran Roche
“Redemption of a Rogue”

Best Supporting Actress – Feature Film
Rhea Pearlman
“Marvelous and the Black Hole”

Best Actor – Short Film
Tosin Morohunfola
“Ride”

Best Actress – Short Film
Anna Camp
“GraceLand”

Best Supporting Actor – Short Film
Conner Marx
“Bernard Checks In”
Best Supporting Actress – Short Film
Elyse Mirto
“You’re Now Beyond Hope, Arizona”

Best Ensemble Acting – Feature Film
William Baldwin, Ben Begley, Boti Bliss, Challen Cates, Keli Daniels, Pamela Dunlap, Jamison Jones, Roland Kickinge, Rigan Machado, Rob Norton, Robert Pine, Terri Polo, Taja V. Simpson, Mena Suvari
“You’re Now Beyond Hope, Arizona”

Honorees

Honorary Chair
First Lady Tammy Murphy

Broader Vision
Dawson’s Peak- Project Seven for Soldiers

Educator of the Year
Louis Libitz