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**THE 28TH ANNUAL FLORIDA FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES
GRAND JURY & AUDIENCE AWARD WINNERS**

Orlando, FL – (April 22, 2019) The Florida Film Festival announced the Grand Jury and Audience Awards of the 2019 Florida Film Festival at the Awards Ceremony on April 20th. The 28th Annual Florida Film Festival took place April 12-21, 2019, in Maitland and Winter Park, Florida, with Primary Sponsor Full Sail University and Primary Public Partners Orange County Government and the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs.

FEMALE FILMMAKER TO WATCH AWARD, PRESENTED BY CHLOE WINE COLLECTION

- **Alix Lambert** – Director of “Edge of Daybreak” and “Prison Zoo”

SHORTS

- **Audience Award for Best Midnight Short – Chowboys: An American Folktale** – Directed by Astron-6
- **Special Jury Award for Innovative Storytelling – Technology Lake: Meditations on Death and Sex** – Directed by Brandon Daley
- **Grand Jury Award for Best Animated Short – Las Del Diente** – Directed by Ana Perez Lopez
- **Grand Jury Award for Best Narrative Short – Lockdown** – Directed by Celine Held and Logan George
- **Grand Jury Award for Best Documentary Short – Departing Gesture** – Directed by Brian Bolster and Jonathan Napolitano
- **Audience Award for Best Short Film – The Next Edition** – Directed by Alice Li and Whitney Shefte

DOCUMENTARY FEATURES

- **Special Jury Award for Excellence in Documentary Filmmaking – The Interpreters** – Directed by Andres Caballero and Sofian Khan
- **Audience Award for Best Documentary Feature – Kifaru** – Directed by David Hambridge
- **Grand Jury Award for Best Documentary Feature – Roll Red Roll** – Directed by Nancy Schwartzman

NARRATIVE FEATURES

- **Special Jury Award for Outstanding Performance – Tayler Buck, Princess of the Row**

- **Audience Award for Best Narrative Feature – Postal** – Directed by Tyler Falbo
- **Grand Jury Award for Best Narrative Feature – Chained for Life** – Directed by Aaron Schimberg

INTERNATIONAL

- **Audience Award for Best International Feature** – Yomeddine (Egypt/Austria/USA) – Directed by Abu Bakr Shawky
- **Audience Award for Best International Short** – Nefta Football Club (France/Tunisia) – Directed by Yves Piat

2019 FLORIDA FILM FESTIVAL

Now in its 28th year, the Florida Film Festival is an Oscar®-qualifying festival, premiering the best in current, independent, and international cinema. Through ten days of 180+ films and first-class events, film lovers mingle with filmmakers and celebrities over hand-crafted cocktails and a locally-sourced menu.

“[We] had a great time at the festival. We’ve been to a few festivals with the film, and Florida is one of our favorites!” – Academy Award® winner Ron Judkins, FINDING NEIGHBORS

“Congrats on a fantastic festival. I loved being there. Have never seen a finer venue than Enzian.” – Andrew Goldman, THE DESK

“We had such a phenomenal time at the festival and it really exceeded our expectations in every way. The staff, the screening experience, the A/V, the audiences – everything was exceptional.” – Dan Berk & Robert Olsen, BODY

“Besides the amazing hospitality, I must say, the films were strong – steady, uncompromising programming. Way to go! Orlando is a powerhouse.” – Udy Epstein, 7th Art Releasing, FFF 2015 Juror

Festival tickets are available for purchase online or at the Enzian box office:
www.FloridaFilmFestival.com/tickets

The Festival is a program of the non-profit Enzian Theater. 2019 Festival sponsors to date include:

Primary Sponsor: Full Sail University

Primary Public Partners: Orange County Government – Florida, and the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs

Public Partner: United Arts of Central Florida

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Our Sponsor community enriches the Festival experience and helps sustain the year-round programs of the not-for-profit Enzian.

Enzian

Since 1992, Enzian has been the proud host of the Florida Film Festival. As part of its mission to entertain, inspire, educate, and connect the community through film, Enzian presents innovative and original cinematic programming not just during the Festival, but all year long. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, community-supported arts organization for which ticket revenue accounts for only 25% of its operating budget, Enzian owes its existence to the generosity of fans of film, food, and fun--like you. Enzian.org

Full Sail University:

Full Sail University is an award-winning educational leader for those pursuing careers in entertainment, media, arts and technology. Founded in 1979, Full Sail has received accolades throughout its history, including most recently: One of the 2017 “Top Graduate & Undergraduate Schools to Study Game Design” by The Princeton Review, one of the 2016 “Top 25 Music Schools” by The Hollywood Reporter, and one of the 2016 “Top 50 Film Schools” by The Wrap Magazine. The Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges also named Full Sail the 2016 “School/College of the Year.”

Full Sail University is a graduate and undergraduate degree-granting institution offering on-campus and online degree programs in areas related to Art & Design, Business, Film & Television, Games, Media & Communications, Music & Recording, Sports, and Technology. With over 60,000+ graduates worldwide, Full Sail alumni have worked on countless award-winning projects with individual recognition including OSCAR®, Emmy®, GRAMMY®, ADDY®, MTV Video Music Award, and Video Game Award honors.

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