



**2021 RICHMOND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**  
**Top Grand Jury Award Winners & Audience Choice Awards**

**Top Grand Jury Award Winners of the Year**

**Grand Jury Prize for Feature Film**

**BLOOM (China | US)**

**Written & Directed by Xuan Liu**

**Grand Jury Prize for Short Film**

**GEORGIA (Republic of Korea)**

**Written & Directed by Jayil Pak**

**Grand Jury Prize for Feature Screenplay**

**RUNNING OUT OF SAND**

**by Ryan Andrews**

**Grand Jury Prize for Short Screenplay**

**CELESTUS**

**by Carl Huebner**

**Grand Jury Prize for Teleplay**

**THE ROAD HOME**

**by Clint Murphy**

**BEST OF FESTIVAL**

**Narrative Feature**

**PULSE**

**Documentary Feature**

**NO VISIBLE TRAUMA**

**Narrative Short**

**CHERRY COLA**

**Documentary Short**

**DANCE HOUSE KOGANE 4422**

**Animated Short**

**KAPAEMAHU**

**Experimental Short**

**CANIS MAJOR**

**Music Video**

**MADAME GANDHI | WAITING FOR ME**

**Episodic**

**THE GOOD ROAD | HIDDEN IN PLAIN SITE**

**OUTSTANDING MERIT AWARDS**

**2021 MOTHER DAUGHTER WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE LEGACY AWARD**

**Christina Zorich & Olympia Dukakis**

**2021 PIONEER AWARD**

**Excellence in the Arts & Civic Leadership**

**Hamilton Glass**

**2021 FOUNDERS AWARD**

**Dr. Marcus Newsome**

**Petersburg Rising**

**2021 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILM & GLOBAL IMPACT**

**THE NEW ABOLITIONISTS**

**2021 TRIBUTE AWARD  
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILM  
NO HIDDEN TRAUMA**

**2021 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN MUSIC DOCUMENTARY & GLOBAL IMPACT  
THE RUMBA KINGS**

**2021 TRIBUTE AWARD  
ONE MOMENT  
Deirdre O'Connor & Danny Aiello**

**MUSIC & BAND AWARDS**

**2021  
GRAND JURY PRIZE  
HOTEL X**

**2021 LOCAL FAVORITE  
BLAYNE | PICKLED BONES**

**2021  
BEST POP | R&B  
DON CASTOR**

**2021  
BEST RAP  
AL.B.ANYWHERE**

**2021  
BEST INDIE ROCK  
TOUCH THE BUFFALO**

**2021  
CRITICS' CHOICE AWARD  
RODNEY THE SOUL SINGER STITH**

**2021 RISING STAR AWARD  
SKYLAR LOVE**

**INDIVIDUAL MERIT AWARDS FOR FILM**

**Best Director: Xuan Liu for BLOOM  
Best Virginia Made Film: JACKETS IN BUTTERFLIES**

**Best Cinematography: Joey Wang for BLOOM**  
**Best Original Music: Guy Clark and Verlon Thompson for WITHOUT GETTING KILLED OR CAUGHT**  
**Best Ensemble Cast: Genti Kame, Olta Gixhari, Luli Bitri, Rozi Kostani, Gent Hazizi, Gentian Zenelai and Herjun Mustafari for LOVE**  
**Best Original Screenplay: Eric Hurt for THE MACHINERY OF DREAMS**  
**Best Actor: Hideki Nagai for WOMAN OF THE PHOTOGRAPH**  
**Best Actress: Natalia Babenko for PULSE**  
**Amandine Thomas for CHERRY COLA (tie)**  
**Best Supporting Actor: Jiang Xu for BLOOM**  
**Best Supporting Actress: Toki Koinuma for WOMAN OF THE PHOTOGRAPH**  
**Rising Star Awards: Cora Metzfield for THE MACHINERY OF DREAMS | Faith Guilbault for BYkids: FAITH'S WORLD**

**SCREENPLAY GENRE WINNERS**

**Best Original Drama Screenplay: BRIDES AND GODDESSES by Yasmeen Alkooheji**  
**Best Original Family Screenplay: THE HOBBY HORSE KID by David A. Gregory**  
**Best Original Horror | Thriller Screenplay: THE HIDING by Christian Hearn**  
**Best Original Comedy Screenplay: RETIREMENT ROAD TRIP by Joe Leone**  
**Best Original Action Adventure Screenplay GOLD MOUNTAIN THE WAY HOME by Weiyu Sun**

**AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARDS**

**2021 Audience Choice Award for Best Short: BASURERO**  
**2021 Audience Choice Award for Local Favorite in Film: WELCOME TO THE SHOW**  
**2021 Audience Choice Award for Best Documentary Feature: PETERSBURG RISING**  
**2021 Audience Choice Award for Best Narrative Feature: HER NAME WAS JO**  
**2021 Choice Award for Best Musical Artist: DON CASTOR**

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