



2022 RICHMOND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
Top Grand Jury Award Winners & Audience Choice Awards

Top Grand Jury Award Winners of the Year

2022
GRAND JURY PRIZE
DRAMATIC FEATURE
Presented to
PRINCESS
by Peter Luisi
(Switzerland, Ukraine)

2022
GRAND JURY PRIZE
DOCUMENTARY FEATURE
Presented to
SYRIA'S SCHOOLS UNDER ATTACK
by Darren Conway
(Syria)

2022
GRAND JURY PRIZE
SHORT FILM
Presented to
DISTANCIAS
by Susan Bejar
(Spain)

2022

**GRAND JURY PRIZE
BEST FEATURE SCREENPLAY
Presented to
TURNING POINTE
by Bridget Bell McMahon
(Annapolis, MD)**

**2022
GRAND JURY PRIZE
BEST SHORT SCREENPLAY
Presented to
POWER DAY
by Chris Edgar
(Los Angeles, CA)**

**2022
GRAND JURY PRIZE
BEST TELEPLAY
Presented to
THE INDUSTRIALIST
by Vikas Bandhu
(Los Angeles, India)**

**2022
GRAND JURY WINNER
ARTIST OF THE YEAR
Presented to
PipoBeats
(Los Angeles, CA)**

2022 ADDITIONAL GRAND JURY AWARDS

BEST OF FESTIVAL

**2022
BEST OF FESTIVAL
Narrative Feature
Presented to
MOON GARDEN (U.S.)**

**2022
BEST OF FESTIVAL**

**Presented to
SWEET DISASTER (Germany)**

**2022
BEST OF FESTIVAL
Documentary Feature
Presented to (TIE)
THE RACE EPIDEMIC (U.S.)
ME TO PLAY (U.S.)
INTERNATIONAL:
AMERICAN 965 (United Kingdom)**

**2022
BEST OF FESTIVAL
Narrative Short (TIE)
FEELING THROUGH (U.S.)
OVER MY DEAD BODY (U.S.)
IN DEFENSE OF CIVIL SOCIETY (Canada)**

**2022
BEST OF FESTIVAL
Documentary Short
MR. ASHLEY LIVED HERE (U.S.)
ALI AND HIS MIRACLE SHEEP (Iraq)**

**2022
BEST OF FESTIVAL
Animated Short
THERE YOU ARE (U.S.)
INTERNATIONAL: LIFEBLOOD (Australia)**

**2022
BEST OF FESTIVAL
Experimental Short
OTONASHI (Germany)**

**2022
BEST OF FESTIVAL
Experimental Music Short
THE DISTANCE BETWEEN US
(United Kingdom)**

2022
BEST OF FESTIVAL
Experimental Dance Short
RIVAGE
(France)

2022
BEST OF FESTIVAL
Music Video
FALLING IN REVERSE (U.S.)
ZOMBIFIED INTERNATIONAL: THE GIBERTINS | INTRO (Italy)

2022
BEST OF FESTIVAL
Episodic
NEW YORK'S WORST LANDLORDS (U.S.)
PSYCHO (Russian Federation)

OUTSTANDING MERIT AWARDS

2022 LEGACY AWARD
Presented to
Sandy Fowler-Jones
EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP, MEDIA & PUBLIC SERVICE

2022 FOUNDERS AWARD
Presented to
Niki Anthony
THE RYAN ANTHONY FOUNDATION
EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP, THE ARTS
& PUBLIC SERVICE

2022 FOUNDERS AWARD
Presented to
Chris Haigh
SONG FOR HOPE
EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP, THE ARTS
& PUBLIC SERVICE

2022

ARTISTIC PIONEER AWARD
For Film, Music & Community
Presented to
The Bergamot
STATE OF THE UNITY

2022
ARTISTIC VISION AWARD
For Film, Community & Music
Presented to
Kathleen Ermitage
MIXTAPE TRILOGY: STORIES OF THE POWER OF MUSIC

OUTSTANDING IMPACT IN COMMUNITY & VIRGINIA FILM:
RICHMOND ON PAPER. BIRTH OF A PLANET

OUTSTANDING IMPACT FOR CIVIC ACTION & VIRGINIA FILM:
INJUSTICE: HIDDEN CRISIS IN VIRGINIA'S PRISONS

2022 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILM & GLOBAL IMPACT
A CRACK IN THE MOUNTAIN

2022 TRIBUTE AWARD
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ARTS
Presented to Dani Karavan & The Heymann Brothers

2022 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
For Excellence in Business & Music Performance
FAMOE (Germany)

MUSIC & BAND AWARDS

BEST AMERICANA BAND: SWEET SWEET (SC)

BEST ROCK BAND: THE G-BOMBS (VA)

BEST LOCAL | VIRGINIA FAVORITE: TRE.CHARLES (VA)

BEST FOLK | SOUL BAND: STONE & SNOW (IL)

BEST RAP: YSN HAZEL (GA)

BEST POP | R & B: XAVIER KEYZ (IL)

BEST INDIE BAND: THIRSTY CURSES (NC)

BEST SOUL, RAP & GOSPEL ENSEMBLE: AL B, KP & T-SOUL (VA)

SOUL VISION AWARD: RODNEY THE SOUL SINGER STITH (VA)

**CRITICS CHOICE AWARD: Excellence in Music & Performance
Presented to wht.rbbt.obj
(IL)**

INDIVIDUAL MERIT AWARDS FOR FILM

**Best Virginia Made Film: Justin Black, Will Gemma, Dietrich Teschner for
HEADWATERS DOWN**

Best Virginia Teleplay: Kosher Nostra by Gracie Marcellus

**Best Director: Dominique Lienhard for FIRES IN THE DARK and (tie) Shailesh
Bhimrao Dupare for PALYAD**

Best Casting: Claudia Mai for PRINCESS

Best Cinematography: Pascale Marin for FIRES IN THE DARK (International)

Best Cinematography: Fletcher Wolfe for ESME, MY LOVE (U.S.)

Best Original Screenplay: Ruth Toma for SWEET DISASTER

Best Actor: Donghyuk Sun for A SONG FOR MY DEAR

Best Actress: Friederike Kempfer for SWEET DISASTER (Feature)

Best Actress: Ana Villa for DISTANCIAS (Short)

(Tied) Saya Emori for FUNNY (Short)

Best Supporting Actor: Fabian Krüger & Matthias Habich for PRINCESS

Best Supporting Actress: Ami Jung for A SONG FOR MY DEAR

Best Ensemble Cast: Shuhei Handa, Masahiro Umeda, Mariko Akama, Tadasgi Sakata, Mai Ohtani, Toshinori Okada for MAKE THE DEVIL LAUGH

Best Production Design: Delarey Wagener for MOON GARDEN

Best Original Score: Sebastien Damiani & Béatrice Thiriet for FIRES IN THE DARK

Best Original Music in Documentary: John Hiatt & Jerry Douglas for LEFTOVER FEELINGS: A Studio B Revival

Rising Star Award: Jazmine Faries for IRON FAMILY (U.S.)

Rising Star: Ruchit Ninawe for PALYAD (International)

SCREENPLAY GENRE WINNERS

Grand Prize Winner First Runner Up & Best Original Suspense Screenplay: STEALING THE MOON by Eric Carlson

Best Original Family Screenplay: MIA'S ACCIDENTALS by Gina DeAngelis

Best Original Sci-Fi Screenplay: SOUTHERN GOTHIC by John Budge & Adam Davenport

Best Historical Screenplay: REVOLUTIONARY SPY by James Foye

Best Original Comedy Screenplay: BREAST IN SHOW by Andrea Berting

Best Original Thriller Screenplay: WINTERHART by Julien Martin Wagner

Best Original Musical Drama Screenplay: LUCKY MAN by Eb Lottimer

Best Original Action Adventure Screenplay: MESTENGO by Theresa A Carey

Best Avant Garde Screenplay: TECHNICOLOR NOIR by Madison Sean Flannery

AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARDS

2022 Audience Choice Award for Best Short: FUNNY (Japan)

2022 Audience Choice Award for Best Documentary Feature: SONG FOR HOPE (U.S.)

**2022 Audience Choice Award for Best Narrative Feature: THE DISAPPEARANCE
OF TOBY BLACKWOOD (U.S.)**

**2022 Audience Choice Award for Music Artist of the Year: BLUES MESSENGER
(Belgium)**

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