



## 2021 AWARD WINNERS & NOMINEES

Award winners were announced during the Virtual Award Ceremony on Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.

### 2021 BLACK FEATHER AWARD

**Brooke Trantor & Chelsea Gonzalez**

*\*The Black Feather Award is given to a filmmaker who reflects the inclusive values Blackbird stands for and embodies the spirit of the festival. Typically, Black Feather Award winners are festival alumni who remain engaged and continue to show their support year after year.*

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### BEST OF FEST

Augustus  
Art of Invisible  
Día de Las Carpas  
**Feeling Through**  
Freya  
Juliet  
The Audition  
The Rape Clause  
Troubled Times

### BEST NARRATIVE FEATURE

Celeste  
Queen of the Andes  
**Triple Threat**  
Woman of the Photographs

### BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

¡Boza!  
Invisible Hand  
Re-Inventing the Wheel  
**The Art of Dissent**

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### BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT

**Falling Forward**  
From Kurils with Love  
Frontliners  
Junior  
Little Bean

### BEST DRAMATIC SHORT

Daughter of the Tide  
Juliet  
Rudy (Red)  
Sam & Emma  
The Rape Clause  
**Troubled Times**  
Woodford County

### BEST ACTION SHORT

Augustus  
Firefalls  
Inconvenience Store  
Misfits  
The Dude  
**The Empire's Surgeon**

**BEST ANIMATED SHORT**

Ghost and Me  
RenaiDance  
The Unknown  
**Thin Blue Variety Show**  
Two Different Kinds of Love

**BEST HORROR / THRILLER SHORT**

**Blue Fire**  
Household Demons  
Susie  
The Gift  
The Remnant

**BEST COMEDIC SHORT**

A Piece of Cake  
El Beso (The Kiss)  
**Kill Cat Oakland**  
Inconvenience Store  
Pete's Valve  
The Will  
Tough Crowd

**BEST MUSIC VIDEO**

All My Life  
Another Place  
Optic Nerve  
Sam & Emma  
**The End**

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**CINEMA DIRECTOR AWARD (FEATURE)**

**Celeste - Ben Hackworth**  
Triple Threat - Stacey Maltin  
Queen of the Andes - Jillian Acreman  
Woman of the Photographs - Takeshi Kushida

**CINEMA DIRECTOR AWARD (SHORT)**

**Augustus - Jon Alston**  
Anna - Dekel Berenson  
Blue Fire - Nick Ronan  
Connections - Carl Hansen  
Freya - Camille Hollett-French  
Like Father - Jonathan Chekroune  
Troubled Times - Jared Crowelle

**CINEMA WRITING AWARD**

Augustus  
**Diary Room**  
Freya  
Mr. Sam  
Thoughts and Prayers  
The Rape Clause

**CINEMA EDITING AWARD**

Anna  
Art of Invisible  
Freya  
**Like Father**  
Shiney  
The Empire's Surgeon  
Vortex

**CINEMATOGRAPHY AWARD**

Blue Fire  
Daughter of the Tide  
Firefalls  
**Like Father**  
The Gift  
Vortex  
Wind

**SOUND DESIGN AWARD**

Blue Fire  
**Freya**  
Ghost and Me  
Optic Nerve  
The Empire's Surgeon  
The Remnant

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**MOST ORIGINAL FILM AWARD**

An Invitation to Tea  
Art of Invisible  
Blue Fire  
Choker  
Imago  
Inconvenience Store  
Mr. Sam  
Unwind

**The Best Orchestra in the World**

**HEART & SOUL AWARD**

An Invitation to Tea  
Diary Room  
Falling Forward  
Little Bean

**The Celine Archive**

When the Wolf Comes Home

**BETTER WORLD AWARD**

Augustus  
¡Boza!  
**Día De Las Carpas**  
Little Bean  
Juliet  
The Forest  
Yours Sincerely

**POWERFUL VOICE AWARD**

Biff & Me  
Buttball  
Chatter  
Choker  
Covered  
Diary Room  
The Forest

**The Grey Town**

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**BEST LEAD ACTRESS (FEATURE)**

Bhreagh MacNeil - Pillar (Queen of the Andes)  
Stacey Maltin - Chloe (Triple Threat)

**Radha Mitchell - Celeste (Celeste)**

**BEST LEAD ACTOR (FEATURE)**

**Hideki Nagai - Kai (Woman of the Photographs)**

Jay DeYonker - Gus (Triple Threat)  
Thomas Cocquerel - Jack (Celeste)

**BEST LEAD ACTRESS (SHORT)**

Avery Garcia - Sofia (When the Wolf Comes Home)  
Cécile Grüberler - Sarah (The Audition)  
Erica Camarano - Mecoy (Blue Fire)  
Hazel Doupe - Blythe (Troubled Times)  
Izabela Baran - Judyta (Red)  
Maria Hildebrand - Angela (The Rape Clause)  
Svetlana Barandich - Anna (Anna)  
Reise Alexander - Serena (Juliet)

**Rhona Rees - Jade (Freya)**

Vanessa Leigh - Sam (Sam & Emma)

**BEST LEAD ACTOR (SHORT)**

**Ayindé Howell - Augustus (Augustus)**

Brett Epstein - Sam (Diary Room)  
Chimwemwe Miller - Gabriel (The Forest)  
Christian Campbell - Willy (The Grey Town)  
Christopher Shyer - Willigad (An Invitation to Tea)  
Ferdia Walsh-Peelo - Eoghan (Troubled Times)  
Garrett Stivers - Eli (Like Father)  
Maxwell Scott - Paul (Woodford County)  
Nick Ronan - Gabe (Blue Fire)  
Rich Sommer - Jim (A Piece of Cake)

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## **AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARDS 2021**

Audience Choice Awards are determined by votes submitted during both the in-person Film + Arts Festival as well as the Virtual Festival during the timespan of June 21st - June 30th.

### **Memories of the Missing**

An Invitation to Tea

### **Music of Life**

The Audition

### **True Beauty**

Juliet

### **Making Friends**

Connections

### **Black Stories, Black Voices**

Augustus

### **Hello, Kind Stranger**

Falling Forward

### **Mother & Child**

Little Bean

### **Dystopic Bliss**

Firefalls

### **Hurdles of the Heart**

Troubled Times

### **Insane in the Membrane**

Sobriety

### **On the Frontlines**

The Empire's Surgeon

### **Tricksters**

Inconvenience Store

### **Last Wish**

Thoughts & Prayers

### **Little Trouble Makers**

The Kiss

### **The Good Dad**

When The Wolf Comes Home

### **Inner Demons**

Blue Fire