



## **SXSW FILM & TV FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2023 AUDIENCE AWARD WINNERS**

**Austin, Texas – March 20, 2023** – The South by Southwest® (SXSW®) Conference and Festivals announced the Audience Award winners for the 30th SXSW Film & TV Festival today. The Audience Awards follow the previously-announced 2023 Jury Awards. For the complete list of 2023 Award Winners, visit [www.sxsw.com/festivals/film-awards/](http://www.sxsw.com/festivals/film-awards/). Audience Award Winners were certified by Maxwell Locke & Ritter LLP.

Over the course of nine days the 2023 Film & TV program includes 110 features including 75 World Premieres, 3 International Premieres, 9 North American Premieres, 6 U.S. Premieres, 16 Texas Premieres + 63 Short films, 20 Music Videos, 12 TV Premieres, 3 TV Spotlight, 7 Independent TV Pilots, and 35 XR Experience projects.

Films in the SXSW 2023 lineup screened in the following categories: Headliners; Narrative Feature Competition presented by Panavision; Documentary Feature Competition presented by ACE91; Narrative Spotlight; Documentary Spotlight; Visions; Midnighters; Global presented by MUBI; 24 Beats Per Second; and Festival Favorites. The Episodic program consisted of TV Premieres, TV Spotlight and the Independent TV Pilot Competition. The SXSW 2023 Shorts Film Program presented by IMDbPro featured six competitive sections: Narrative Shorts; Documentary Shorts; Animated Shorts; Midnight Shorts; Texas Shorts; and Music Videos. Our XR Experience Competition, Spotlight and Special Events programming were held in-person with a selection of works held virtually. All categories were eligible for section-specific Audience Awards.

Select SXSW 2023 event content is available to registrants on the SXSW Online Schedule and SXSW TV app. A full list of available content can be found [here](#).

### **2023 SXSW Film & TV Festival Audience Award Winners:**

#### **HEADLINERS**

**Audience Award Winner:** *Flamin' Hot*

Director: Eva Longoria, Producer: DeVon Franklin, Screenwriters: Linda Yvette Chávez, Lewis Colick

#### **NARRATIVE FEATURE COMPETITION presented by Panavision**

**Audience Award Winner: *Mustache***

Director/Screenwriter: Imran J. Khan, Producers: Christina Won, Jessica Sittig, Christopher Storer, Tyson Bidner

**DOCUMENTARY FEATURE COMPETITION presented by ACE91**

**Audience Award Winner: *Geoff McFetridge: Drawing a Life***

Director/Producer: Dan Covert, Screenwriters: Erik Auli, Dan Covert, Amy Dempsey, Tara Rose Stromberg

**NARRATIVE SPOTLIGHT**

**Audience Award Winner: *The Long Game***

Director: Julio Quintana, Producers: Javier Chapa, Ben Howard, Marla Quintana, Dennis Quaid, Laura Quaid, Screenwriters: Julio Quintana, Jennifer C. Stetson, Paco Farias

**DOCUMENTARY SPOTLIGHT**

**Audience Award Winner: *The Hurricanes***

Director: Olivia Kuan, Producers: James Lee Hernandez, Brian Lazarte, Lisa France, James Short, Olivia Kuan, Justin Baldoni, Andrew Calof

**VISIONS**

**Audience Award Winner: *Tobacco Barns***

Director/Screenwriter: Rocío Mesa, Producers: Olmo Figueredo González-Quevedo, Jana Díaz-Juhl, Pau Brunet, Belén Sánchez

**MIDNIGHTERS**

**Audience Award Winner: *It Lives Inside***

Director: Bishal Dutta, Producers: Raymond Mansfield, Sean McKittrick, Screenwriters: Bishal Dutta, Ashish Mehta

**GLOBAL presented by MUBI**

**Audience Award Winner: *Ek Jagah Apni***

Directors: Ektara Collective, Producers: Ektara Collective, Lotus Visual Productions, Screenwriters: Rinchin, Maheen Mirza

**24 BEATS PER SECOND**

**Audience Award Winner: *Louder Than You Think***

Director: Jed I. Rosenberg, Producers: Jeffrey Lewis Clark, Brian Thalken, Kelly Thomas, Screenwriters: Jed I. Rosenberg, Greg King

**FESTIVAL FAVORITES**

**Audience Award Winner: *No Ordinary Campaign***

Director: Christopher Burke, Producer: Tim Rummel, Christopher Burke

**Shorts Film Program presented by IMDbPro**

**NARRATIVE SHORTS COMPETITION**

**Audience Award Winner:** *Closing Dynasty*

Director/Screenwriter: Lloyd Lee Choi, Producers: Jon Hsu, Lloyd Lee Choi

**DOCUMENTARY SHORTS COMPETITION**

**Audience Award Winner:** *Nãi Nai & Wài Pó (Grandma & Grandma)*

Director: Sean Wang, Producers: Sean Wang, Sam Davis

**ANIMATED SHORTS COMPETITION**

**Audience Award Winner:** *Sandwich Cat*

Director/Screenwriter: David Fidalgo, Producers: Daniel Rodriguez, Laura Doval, Gonzalo E. Veloso

**MIDNIGHT SHORTS COMPETITION**

**Audience Award Winner:** *Dead Enders*

Directors: Fidel Ruiz-Healy, Tyler Walker, Screenwriters: Fidel Ruiz-Healy, Tyler Walker, Jordan Michael Blake, Conor Murphy, Producers: Raven Jensen, Amanda Crown, Gregory Barnes, Conor Murphy, Nico Alvo, Jordan Michael Blake, Eduardo Ruiz-Healy

**TEXAS SHORTS COMPETITION**

**Audience Award Winner:** *Breaking Silence*

Directors: Amy Bench, Annie Silverstein, Producers: Monique Walton, Amy Bench

**MUSIC VIDEO COMPETITION**

**Audience Award Winner:** *Drew Ashby - 'HER'*

Directors: Chris Scholar, Bevin Brown, Producer: Bevin Brown

**TV Program**

**TV PREMIERES**

**Audience Award Winner:** *The Luckiest Guy in the World*

Director: Steve James, Producers: Zak Piper, Steve James

**TV SPOTLIGHT**

**Audience Award Winner:** *Blindspotting* Season 2 Premiere

Showrunner: Rafael Casal, Directors: Rafael Casel, Jess Wu Calder, Producers: Rafael Casal, Daveed Diggs, Jess Wu Calder, Keith Calder, Emily Gerson Saines, Ken Lee, Tim Palen

## **INDEPENDENT TV PILOT COMPETITION**

**Audience Award Winner:** *Notarize Me*

Director: Erika Rankin, Screenwriters/Producers: Erika Rankin, Brigitte Valdez

## **XR Experience**

### **XR EXPERIENCE COMPETITION**

**Audience Award Winner:** *JFK Memento*

Director: Chloé Rochereuil, Producer: Victor Agulhon

### **XR EXPERIENCE SPOTLIGHT**

**Audience Award Winner:** *MLK: Now is the Time*

Director: Limbert Fabian, Producers: Matthew O'Rourke, Sullivan Parker, Screenwriter: Andrina Wekontash Smith

### **XR EXPERIENCE SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Audience Award Winners (three-way tie):**

*Neo-Wulin: The Era of Black Ark*

Director/Screenwriter: Guanyu, Producers: Chenchenchen, Bingbing Wang

*Ristband*

Directors: Anne McKinnon, Roman Rappak

*Soundwaves: A Metaverse Music Concert*

Directors: YOOM, Active Theory

**Film Stills can be found at:** <https://filmmaker.sxsw.com/media>

**Publicists for projects in program:** [Publicists List](#)

## **About SXSW Film & TV Festival**

Now in its 30th year, SXSW Film & TV Festival brings together creatives of all stripes over nine days to experience a diverse lineup and access to the SXSW Music and Comedy Festivals plus SXSW Conference sessions with visionaries from all corners of the entertainment, media, and technology industries.

## **About SXSW**

SXSW dedicates itself to helping creative people achieve their goals. Founded in 1987 in Austin, Texas, SXSW is best known for its conference and festivals that celebrate the convergence of tech, film, music, education, and culture. An essential destination for global professionals, the annual March event features sessions, music and comedy showcases, film

screenings, exhibitions, professional development and a variety of networking opportunities. SXSW proves that the most unexpected discoveries happen when diverse topics and people come together. For more information, please visit [sxsw.com](https://sxsw.com). To register for the event, please visit [sxsw.com/attend](https://sxsw.com/attend).

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