



Sixth Annual Hill Country Film Festival Comes to a Close

NIGHT OWLS Takes Cinema Dulce Best of Fest Award

AUSTIN, Texas (May 6, 2015) – The [Hill Country Film Festival](#) (HCFF), an independent film event held in the heart of the Texas Hill Country, Fredericksburg, Texas, April 30 – May 3, 2015, and presented by the Hill Country Film Society wrapped its sixth annual festival following a spectacular weekend of diverse programming, expert panel discussions, and a variety of hosted events.

HCFF screened eight feature films and 90 short films representing 15 countries. The festival also included a short and feature script competition.

“We are proud to offer a unique platform that provides filmmakers an opportunity to share ideas with their peers while we celebrate their work,” said Chad Mathews, executive director, HCFF. “Once again, this year’s selection reveals incredible emerging talent in independent film and the compelling story telling and diversity in both the long and short form. I want to thank our sponsors, partners, volunteers, filmmakers, and staff as these groups were invaluable to the success of this year’s festival.”

Hosted events included the filmmakers’ welcome reception at Fritztown Cinema; filmmakers’ lounge happy hours; panel discussions; and event parties at Ausländer Restaurant and Biergarten and West End Pizza Company on Main Street in Fredericksburg.

The festival was capped by a closing night party and awards ceremony on May 2 at the Nimitz Ballroom at the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg. A special sendoff reception was held on May 3 at Pedernales Cellars in Stonewall, Texas.

Festival Award Winners

Award winners include:

Cinema Dulce Best of Fest: **NIGHT OWLS** (d. Charles Hood, U.S., 2014)

Best Feature Film: **WILDLIKE** (d. Frank Hall Green, U.S., 2014)

Audience Choice Award: **STRAY** (d. Tyler Glodt, U.S., 2015)

Best Documentary Film: **MOUNT LAWRENCE** (d. Chandler Wild, U.S., 2015)

Best Texas Film: **MAN IN THE CAN** (d. Noessa Higa, U.S., 2014)

Best Short Film: **THE GUNFIGHTER** (d. Eric Kissack, U.S., 2014)

Best Actor: Joe Hursley in **THE ORIGINS OF WIT AND HUMOR** (d. Christian Gridelli, U.S., 2014)

Best Actress: Hannah Ward in **SUNNY IN THE DARK** (d. Courtney Ware, U.S., 2015)

Best Feature Script: **BOOMERANG MOON** (written by Craig Castleberry)

Best Short Script: **PROMISE ME** (written by Kevin Machate)

Festival Program and Photos

The official program for this year's HCFF is available at <http://www.hillcountryff.com/festival/schedule/>.

Festival photos available at

https://www.facebook.com/HillCountryFilmFestival/photos_stream.

The 2016 festival is scheduled to be held April 28 – May 1, 2016.

About Hill Country Film Festival

Set in Fredericksburg, Texas, the Hill Country Film Festival (HCFF) is the vision of its executive director Chad Mathews, an actor, screenwriter, producer, and native Texan. Having participated in the film festival circuit, Mathews came to love the camaraderie and shared respect of those who are committed to the art of independent filmmaking. HCFF was created to celebrate and showcase filmmakers from Texas and around the world and is annually presented by the Hill Country Film Society, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. For more information, visit www.hillcountryff.com.

About Hill Country Film Society

The Hill Country Film Festival, created in 2010 to celebrate and showcase filmmakers from Texas and around the world, quickly evolved into a non-profit organization with a broader vision. The Hill Country Film Society not only hosts the annual festival, but provides year-round independent film programming in the Texas Hill Country as well as education in the art of independent film. The society relies on its sponsors and members to help achieve its mission and ensure the future of film as part of a vibrant, creative culture.

About Festival Sponsors

Hill Country Film Festival is supported by Auslander Restaurant and Biergarten; Capital Printing Company; Costa; Dublin Bottling Works; Dulce Vida Tequila; Fredericksburg Convention and Visitor Bureau; Fredericksburg Theater Company; Fritztown Cinema;

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