

THE WINNERS ARE IN! TIFF'S YOUNGEST FILM FANS SELECT THEIR TOP PICKS FROM THE 2018 TIFF KIDS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Winners include *Rock My Heart*, *Shadow Boxer*, and *The Witch Hunters*



TIFF Kids Young People's Jury

TORONTO — TIFF is proud to announce the winners of this year's TIFF Kids International Film Festival. This weekend's screening of *Rosie & Moussa* closed two weeks of festive activities and international films for kids of all ages. The 21st annual festival concluded with the announcement of winners for the TIFF Kids Festival People's Choice Awards, TIFF Kids Festival Adult Jury Awards, and the TIFF Kids Festival Young People's Jury Awards, selected by the TIFF Kids Young People's Juries.

Hanno Olderdissen's coming-of-age tale ***Rock My Heart*** came out on top as the TIFF Kids Festival People's Choice Favourite Feature Film award winner. The People's Choice Award for Favourite Short Film went to Andreas Bøggild Monies' ***Shadow Boxer***.

"TIFF Kids lets kids see themselves, their stories, and the stories of others reflected on screen from an early age, and this year's lineup was particularly representative of this idea," said Jennifer Barkin, Senior Manager of Programming, TIFF Kids. "Being able to provide the young people on the TIFF Kids Young People's Jury with the opportunity to not only view, but engage with and think critically about these films, is something we're extremely proud of. Congratulations to this year's winners!"

The full list of award winners can be found below.

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TIFF KIDS FESTIVAL PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

Festival attendees voted to select the TIFF Kids Festival People's Choice Awards winners throughout the TIFF Kids Festival, from March 9 to 18.

TIFF Kids Festival People's Choice Award – Favourite Feature Film

Rock My Heart, dir. Hanno Olderdissen | Germany
International Premiere

Runner-up: ***Supa Moda***, dir. Likarion Wainaina | Germany/Kenya
Canadian Premiere

TIFF Kids Festival People's Choice Award – Favourite Short Film

Shadow Boxer, dir. Andreas Bøggild Monies | Denmark
Canadian Premiere

Runner-up: ***Beauty***, dir. Christina Willings | Canada
World Premiere

TIFF KIDS FESTIVAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S JURY AWARDS

The TIFF Kids Festival Young People's Juries are comprised of young film lovers aged 8–13, who are tasked with selecting the winning film in their category. The Young People's Feature Film Jury for ages 8–10 was made up of Arushi Nath (8), Carina Jones-Guerriero (9), and Adam Nassim-Stem (9). Zoey Hodgins (11), Fardin Zamaluddin (13) and Durga Hemmad (12) made up the Young People's Feature Film Jury for ages 11 to 13. The Young People's Short Film Jury, ages 9 to 13, included Hannah Maclellan (9), Maxford Jeffs (11), and Neesa Menzes (12).

TIFF Kids Festival Young People's Jury Award (ages 8–10) – Best Feature Film

The Witch Hunters, dir. Rasko Miljkovic | Serbia/Macedonia
World Premiere

About their selection, the jury said “both the lead actor and main character have partial cerebral palsy and that isn't something we see in movies. It is a great learning experience for the audience.”

TIFF Kids Festival Young People's Jury Award (ages 11–13) – Best Feature Film

The Breadwinner, dir. Nora Twomey | Canada/Ireland/Luxembourg

In discussing their selection, the jury noted that they were “moved by the portrayals of friendship, bravery, and perseverance in the film.”

TIFF Kids Festival Young People's Jury Award (ages 9–13) – Best Short Film

Shadow Boxer, dir. Andreas Bøggild Monies | Denmark
Canadian Premiere

On choosing the film, the jury stated that “the film conveyed its challenging message in a positive light and reminded us that it's important to persevere.”

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Honourable mention goes to:

Mrs McCutcheon, dir. John Sheedy | Australia | Toronto Premiere.

The TIFF Kids Young People's Jury Award for Best digiPlaySpace Installation

Kaleidoscope | Karina Smigla-Bobinski | Germany/Poland

North American Premiere

TIFF KIDS FESTIVAL ADULT JURY AWARDS

The TIFF Kids Festival Adult Jury is made up of industry professionals who select the top films in the categories of Live-Action Short Film and Animated Short Film. This year's jury included filmmaker **Haya Waseem**, Senior Director of Acquisitions at Entertainment One, **Christina Kubacki**, and TIFF's Manager of Theatrical Programming, **Ming-Jenn Lim**.

TIFF Kids Festival Adult Jury Award – Best Live-Action Short Film

Gold, dir. Abbe Hassan | Sweden

World Premiere

The TIFF Kids Festival Adult Jury selected *Gold* for its "shattering look at the resilience and fragility of childhood."

TIFF Kids Festival Adult Jury Award – Best Animated Short Film

Two Balloons, dir. Mark C. Smith | USA

Canadian Premiere

The jury noted that *Two Balloons* "is a stunningly animated film with delightful surprises around every corner. From its unique world and the way the mysterious premise steadily unfolds for the audience, to the tension it creates and the emotions it evokes, this film succeeds on every level."

For more information about joining future TIFF Kids Young People's Juries, please visit tiff.net/kids.

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