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**THE 25TH ANNUAL FLORIDA FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES
GRAND JURY & AUDIENCE AWARD WINNERS**

Orlando, FL – (April 18, 2016) The Florida Film Festival announced the Grand Jury and Audience Awards of the 2016 Florida Film Festival at the Awards Ceremony on April 16th. The 25th Annual Florida Film Festival took place April 8-17, 2016, in Maitland and Winter Park, Florida, with Primary Sponsor Full Sail University and Primary Public Partners Orange County Government and the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs.

SHORTS

- **Special Jury Award for Achievement in Political Satire** was presented to **TOO LEGIT**, directed by Frankie Shaw
- **Grand Jury Award for Best Narrative Short** was presented to **RED FOLDER**, directed by Ben Kallam
- **Grand Jury Award for Best Animated Short** was presented to **THE LINGERIE SHOW**, directed by Laura Harrison
- **Grand Jury Award for Best Documentary Short** was presented to **PICKLE**, directed by Amy Nicholson
- **Audience Award for Best Short Film** was presented to **THE HOUSE IS INNOCENT**, directed by Nicholas Coles
- **Audience Award for Best Midnight Short** was presented to **PORTAL TO HELL!!!**, directed by Vivieno Caldinelli

DOCUMENTARY FEATURES

- **Special Jury Award for Individuality of the Human Spirit** was presented to **BEST AND MOST BEAUTIFUL THINGS**, directed by Garrett Zevgetis
- **Audience Award for Best Documentary Feature** was presented to **THE BABUSHKAS OF CHERNOBYL**, directed by Holly Morris and Anne Bogart
- **Grand Jury Award for Best Documentary Feature** was presented to **LEFT ON PURPOSE**, directed by Justin Schein

NARRATIVE FEATURES

- **Special Jury Award for Excellence in Directing** was presented to **DONALD CRIED**, directed by Kris Avedisian

- **Audience Award for Best Narrative Feature** was presented to **BUDDYMOON (aka HONEY BUDDIES)**, directed by Alex Simmons
- **Grand Jury Award for Best Narrative Feature** was presented to **THE OTHER KIDS**, directed by Chris Brown

INTERNATIONAL

- **Audience Award for Best International Feature** was presented to **HUNT FOR THE WILDERPEOPLE** (New Zealand), directed by Taika Waititi
- **Audience Award for Best International Short** was presented to **CARLO** (Italy), directed by Ago Panini

2016 FLORIDA FILM FESTIVAL

Now in its 25th year, the Florida Film Festival is an Oscar®-qualifying festival, premiering the best in current, independent, and international cinema. Through ten days of 180 films and first-class events, film lovers mingle with filmmakers and celebrities over hand-crafted cocktails and a locally-sourced menu.

“[We] had a great time at the festival. We’ve been to a few festivals with the film, and Florida is one of our favorites!” – Academy Award® winner Ron Judkins, FINDING NEIGHBORS

“Congrats on a fantastic festival. I loved being there. Have never seen a finer venue than Enzian.” – Andrew Goldman, THE DESK

“We had such a phenomenal time at the festival and it really exceeded our expectations in every way. The staff, the screening experience, the A/V, the audiences – everything was exceptional.” – Dan Berk & Robert Olsen, BODY

“Besides the amazing hospitality, I must say, the films were strong – steady, uncompromising programming. Way to go! Orlando is a power house.” – Udy Epstein, 7th Art Releasing, FFF 2015 Juror

Festival tickets are available for purchase online or at the Enzian box office:
www.FloridaFilmFestival.com/tickets

The Festival is a program of the non-profit Enzian Theater. 2016 Festival sponsors to date include:

Primary Sponsor: Full Sail University

Primary Public Partners: Orange County Government – Florida, and the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs

Public Partner: United Arts of Central Florida

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Enzian

Since 1992, Enzian has been the proud host of the Florida Film Festival. As part of its mission to entertain, inspire, educate, and connect the community through film, Enzian presents innovative and original cinematic programming not just during the Festival, but all year long. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, community-supported arts organization for which ticket revenue accounts for only 25% of its operating budget, Enzian owes its existence to the generosity of fans of film, food, and fun--like you. [Enzian.org](http://enzian.org)

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Full Sail University is a Graduate and Undergraduate degree-granting institution offering on-campus and online degree programs in areas related to Art & Design, Business, Film & Television, Games, Media & Communications, Music & Recording, and Web & Technology. Full Sail graduate credits include work on OSCAR®, Emmy®, GRAMMY®, ADDY®, MTV Video Music Award, and Video Game Award nominated and winning projects.

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