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TIFF ANNOUNCES THE BEST SHORT FILMS FOR TEENS BY TEENS AT NEXT WAVE JUMP CUTS YOUNG FILMMAKERS SHOWCASE

TORONTO — The 2016 **TIFF Next Wave Jump Cuts Young Filmmakers Showcase** winners were announced today at a ceremony held at TIFF Bell Lightbox. Now in its 14th year, the high-profile competition screens the top short films made by Ontario students in grades 9 to 12. This year's showcase featured 23 short films from 40 young filmmakers.

The films were judged in the categories of animation, fiction, experimental, and documentary. This year's Jump Cuts jury included director **Tiffany Hsiung** (*The Apology*); **Connor Jessup**, actor (*Closet Monster*, *American Crime*), writer, and director (*Boy*); independent animator and artist **Jodi Sandler**; and **Raf Katigbak**, lead creative at VICE.

With 78 submissions this year from across the province, this annual competition engages and supports young emerging filmmakers by helping them to present their vision on the big screen.

"Jump Cuts is a vital part of the **TIFF Next Wave Film Festival**. It's a continuation of our commitment to engage and support emerging young filmmakers by providing a platform to showcase their vision on the big screen, and foster their talent and creativity," said Emily Scheer, Senior Manager, Family & Youth Programming. "We are honoured to have such an accomplished group of industry professionals on the Jump Cuts jury this year and we are thankful for their time and dedication to selecting this year's winners."

"It's exciting to see so much passion, talent, and skill in this year's young group of filmmakers!" said jury member Jodi Sandler.

The winners for the 2016 TIFF Next Wave Jump Cuts Young Filmmakers Showcase are:

The Gertrude Löwengren Award for Best Animation Film

Fairytale Fallout, dir. Raine Bracken

A teenager explores her complicated relationship with fiction in this autobiographical animated short.

The Gertrude Löwengren Award for Best Fiction Film

Ellie, dir. Morgana McKenzie

After years of captivity, Stephen takes drastic measures to escape his violent world and his terrifying captor.

The Gertrude Löwengren Award for Best Experimental Film

This Home is Not Empty, dir. Carol Nguyen

A personal exploration of the lies we tell ourselves.

The Gertrude Löwengren Award for Best Documentary Film

IN, dirs. Luca Caruso-Moro, Misha Ghasri, and Liam Hart

Four dedicated teenage artists discuss their crafts, practices regimes, and hopes for the future as they approach graduation.

The Gertrude Löwengren Awards are generously supported by Garrett Herman.

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