

2017

Special Awards Winners

Best of the Festival

Fix and Release

Director: Scott Dobson

Producers: Jono Nemethy, Scott Dobson

Production Company: Junction Box J Inc.

Founder's Award

Theatre Beyond Walls with Paul Thompson

Director: Rachel Thompson

Producers: Rachel Thompson, Scott Blackett

Production Company: Thunderchild Productions

Kathleen Shannon Award

19 Days

Directors: Asha Siad, Roda Siad

Producer: David Christensen

Production Company: National Film Board

Craft Awards

Director (Fiction)

Winner

Show and Tell

Director: Reem Morsi

Producer: Sally Karam

Production Company: Sixth Avenue Productions

Nominees

Caw

Director: Jeremy Lutter

Producers: Arnold Lim, Jeremy Lutter

Production Company: Broken Mirror Films

Four Faces of the Moon

Director: Amanda Strong

Producer: Amanda Strong
Production Company: Spotted Fawn Productions

Gas Can

Director: Mattias Graham
Producers: Mariel Scammell, Simran Dewan
Production Company: Trans-Canada Film Collective

The Door

Director: Reem Morsi
Producer: Heidi Tan
Production Company: Canadian Film Centre

Director (Non-Fiction)

Winner

I Am the Blues

Director: Daniel Cross
Producers: Daniel Cross, Bob Moore
Production Company: EyeSteelFilm

Nominees

19 Days

Directors: Asha Siad, Roda Siad
Producer: David Christensen
Production Company: National Film Board of Canada

Heroes of the Demolition

Director: David Ridgen
Producer: David Ridgen
Production Company: Ridgen Film Corporation

Rise

Director: Michelle Latimer
Producers: Michelle Latimer, Tania Natcheff, Bernardo Loyola
Production Company: Vice

This River

Directors: Katherena Vermette, Erika MacPherson
Producer: Alicia Smith
Production Company: National Film Board of Canada

Research

Winner

Extraordinary Canadians, Season 2

Researchers: Tom Puchniak, Laura Francis, Christina Gelsomini, Riel Lazarus

Directors: Adrian Wills, Karen Cho, Kenneth Hirsch, Jeremy Benning
Producers: Kenneth Hirsch, Tom Puchniak, Laura Francis, Christina Gelsomini, Riel Lazarus
Production Company: PMA Biographies Inc.

Nominees

I Am the Blues

Researcher: Daniel Cross
Director: Daniel Cross
Producers: Daniel Cross, Bob Moore
Production Company: EyeSteelFilm

Looking for Mike

Research: Dylan Reibling
Director: Dylan Reibling
Producers: Laura Perlmutter, Andrew Nicholas McCann Smith
Production Company: First Love Films

The Brain's Way of Healing

Research: Andrew Gregg, Dr. Norman Doidge
Director: Andrew Gregg
Producers: Gordon Henderson, Andrew Gregg
Production Company: 90th Parallel Productions Ltd

Real Vikings

Research: James Ellis
Director: Kenton Vaughan
Producers: Kenton Vaughan, Gina Vanni, John Weber
Production Company: Take 5 Productions

Main Categories

Aboriginal

Winner

Stolen

Director: Kawennáhere Devery Jacobs

Producers: Kawennáhere Devery Jacobs, Michel St-Martin

Nominees

Four Faces of the Moon

Director: Amanda Strong

Producer: Amanda Strong

Production Company: Spotted Fawn Productions

I Like Girls

Director: Diane Obomsawin

Producer: Marc Bertrand

Production Company: National Film Board of Canada

Rise

Director: Michelle Latimer

Producers: Michelle Latimer, Tania Natcheff, Bernardo Loyola

Production Company: Vice

This River

Directors: Katherena Vermette, Erika MacPherson

Producer: Alicia Smith

Production Company: National Film Board of Canada

Animation

Winner

Oscar

Director: Janice Nadeau

Producers: Marie-Josée Saint-Pierre, Jocelyne Perrier, Marc Bertrand

Production Companies: MJSTP Films, National Film Board of Canada

Nominees

Little Folk of the Arctic

Director: Neil Christopher



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Producers: Louise Flaherty, Neil Christopher
Production Company: Taqut Productions

Mystery of the Secret Room

Director: Wanda Nolan
Producer: Annette Clarke
Production Company: National Film Board of Canada

Ogress of the Gravelbank

Director: Neil Christopher
Producers: Louise Flaherty, Neil Christopher
Production Company: Taqut Productions

Vaysha, l'aveugle

Director: Theodore Ushev
Producer: Marc Bertrand
Production Company: National Film Board of Canada

Children's & Youth Production

Winner

Scout and the Gumboot Kids – Season 2

Directors: Tara Hungerford, Eric Hogan
Producers: Tara Hungerford, Eric Hogan, Dave Valteau, Bruce Kahkesh, Tracey Mack, David Roncin, Natalie Glubb, Rob Murdoch
Production Company: Gumboot Kids Season 2 Inc

Nominees

CBC Kids – Hug the World

Director: Lisa Wisniewski
Producer: Lisa Wisniewski
Production Company: Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

Lilly Hits the Road

Directors: The Bum Family
Producers: Xstine Cook
Production Company: Agent Orange Inc.

Snapshots

Director: Stephen Scott
Producers: Andrea Gabourie, Mitch Gabourie, Natalie Schenk
Production Company: Forte Entertainment



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The Owl and the Lemming

Director: Roselynn Akulukjuk
Producers: Louise Flaherty, Neil Christopher
Production: Taqqut Productions

Comedy

Winner

Spooksbury

Director: Jon Tewksbury
Producer: Jon Tewksbury
Production Company: Aristeia Artists

Nominees

Bartholomew

Director: Elizabeth Becker
Producers: Jay Guerriere, Elizabeth Becker
Production Company: Resonating Films Incorporated

Blood Harvest

Director: Josh Cooper
Producers: Josh Cooper, Ron Kennell
Production Company:

Imitations

Directors: Milos Mitrovic, Fabian Velasco
Producers: Ian Bawa, Milos Mitrovic, Markus Henkel, Fabian Velasco
Production Company:

Just Cause 3 – Money Matters

Directors: Greg Miller, Lese Skidmore
Producer: Lese Skidmore
Production Company: BearPaw Media Productions

Community Television Production

Winner

Saskatchewaner 2016

Director: Neil Fisher
Producers: Neil Fisher, Dana Lesiuk
Production Companies: Tourism Saskatchewan, Ministries of Agriculture, Economy, Parks, Culture and Sport, Access Communications, Aristeia Artists

Nominees



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Breathing Room

Director: Lisa Unrau

Producer: Todd Snider

Production Company: Bamboo Shoots

Century of Care

Directors: Kevin Tabachnick, Chaz Beaudette

Producers: Cam Bennett, Kim Bell, Kevin Tabachnick, Chaz Beaudette

Production Company:

MaxTV Magazine: Exceptionally Aabled

Director: Trona Garvie

Producer: Todd Snider

Production Company: Bamboo Shoots

RezX

Director: Chris Ross

Producer: Chris Ross, Lealynd Messer

Production Company: RezX, Access Communications

Documentary Arts & Culture

Winner

The Secret Life of Pianos

Director: Marie-France Guerrette

Producers: Marie-France Guerrette, Steve Jodoin

Production Company: Productions Loft Inc.

Nominees

Journeys to Adäka

Director: Fritz Mueller

Producer: Teresa Earle

Production Company: Sagafish Media

Mikinakay – Trail of the Turtle

Director: Erica Daniels

Producer: Cam Bennett

Production Companies: Kejic Productions, Green Light Productions, Sandstorm Productions, Just TV

Theatre Beyond Walls with Paul Thompson

Director: Rachel Thompson

Producers: Rachel Thompson, Scott Blackett

Production Company: Thunderchild Productions



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Where the Universe Sings: The Spiritual Journey of Lawren Harris

Directors: Nancy Lang, Peter Raymont
Producers: Nancy Lang, Peter Raymont
Production Company: White Pine Pictures

Documentary History & Biography

Winner

Colonization Road

Director: Michelle St. John
Producers: Evan Adams, Michelle St. John, Shane Belcourt, Jordan O'Connor, Brendan Brady
Production Company: Decolonization Road Productions Inc.

Nominees

All Our Father's Relations

Director: Alejandro Yoshizawa
Producers: Sarah Ling, Alejandro Yoshizawa
Production Company: Right Relations

Edna's Bloodline

Director: Eva Wunderman
Producers: Eva Wunderman, Kimberly Wakefield
Production Company: Wunderman Film

Other Side of the 49th: The Garry Sawatzky Story

Director: Ervin Chartrand
Producers: CBC, MTS
Production Company: ThunderbirdmanFilms

Trapped in a Human Zoo

Director: Gulihem Rondot
Producer: Roch Brunette
Production Company: PIX3 Films

Documentary Point-of-View (POV)

Winner

I Am the Blues

Director: Daniel Cross
Producers: Daniel Cross, Bob Moore
Production Company: EyeSteelFilm

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Being Greene

Director: Jeff Newman

Producers: Jocelyn Mitchell, Jeff Newman

Production Company: Nüman Films

Heroes of the Demolition

Director: David Ridgen

Producer: David Ridgen

Production Company: Ridgen Film Corporation

Looking for Mike

Director: Dylan Reibling

Producers: Laura Perlmutter, Andrew Nicholas McCann Smith

Production Company: First Love Films

Love Song for the Apocalypse

Director: David Ridgen

Producer: David Ridgen

Production Company: Ridgen Film Corporation

Documentary Science/Nature/Technology

Winner

Hand.Line.Cod.

Director: Justin Simms

Producer: Annette Clarke

Production Company: National Film Board of Canada

Nominees

Bluefin

Director: John Hopkins

Producers: Annette Clarke, Paul McNeill

Production Company: National Film Board of Canada

My Brain Made Me Do It

Director: Ryszard Hunka

Producers: Merit Jensen Carr, Erna Buffle

Production Companies: Merit Motion Pictures, Blame Films Inc.

PTSD: Beyond Trauma

Director: Patrick Reed

Producers: Patrick Reed, Andrea Schmidt

Production Company: White Pine Pictures



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The Brain's Way of Healing

Director: Andrew Gregg

Producers: Gordon Henderson, Andrew Gregg

Production Company: 90th Parallel Productions Ltd

Documentary Series

Winner

Rise

Director: Michelle Latimer

Producers: Michelle Latimer, Tania Natcheff, Bernardo Loyola

Production Company: Vice

Nominees

Emergency Room: Life + Death at VGH

Director: Kevin Eastwood

Producer: David Moses

Production Company: Lark Productions

The Grasslands Project

Director: Scott Parker

Producer: David Christensen

Production Company: National Film Board of Canada

Sustainable Me

Director: Theresa Wynnyk

Producer: Theresa Wynnyk, Jamie Pratt

Production Company: Company of Women on the Screen

Taken

Directors: Cam Bennett, Rebecca Gibson

Producers: Lisa Meeches, Kyle Irving

Production Company: Eagle Vision Inc.

Documentary Social/Political

Winner

19 Days

Directors: Asha Siad, Roda Siad

Producer: David Christensen

Production Company: National Film Board of Canada

Nominees



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Inside These Walls

Directors: Juliet Lammers, Lorraine Price
Producers: Aisling Chin-Yee, John Christou
Production Company: Prospector Films

Red Power

Director: Michelle Latimer
Producers: Michelle Latimer, Tania Natscheff, Bernardo Loyola
Production Company: Vice

Road to Mercy

Director: Nadine Pequenezza
Producer: Nadine Pequenezza
Production Company: HitPlay Productions

Shooting War

Director: Aeyliya Husain
Producers: Aeyliya Husain, Sa'ad Shah
Production Company: Grey_House Films

Drama

Winner

The Door

Director: Reem Morsi
Producer: Heidi Tan
Production Company: Canadian Film Centre

Nominees

Caw

Director: Jeremy Lutter
Producers: Arnold Lim, Jeremy Lutter
Production Company: Broken Mirror Films

Counter Act

Directors: The Affolter Bros.
Producers: The Affolter Bros.
Production Company: Affolter Entertainment

The Right to be Safe

Director: Angela Tassone
Producers: Angela Tassone, Karl Giroux
Production Company: BearPaw Media Productions



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You Say Yes

Director: Arran Shearing

Producers: Joe Kitson, Marc Petey

Production Company: Canadian Film Centre

Emerging Filmmaker

Winner

Show and Tell

Director: Reem Morsi

Producer: Sally Karam

Production Company: Sixth Avenue Productions

Nominees

Colonization Road

Director: Michelle St. John

Producers: Evan Adams, Michelle St. John, Shane Belcourt, Jordan O'Connor, Brendan Brady

Production Company: Decolonization Road Productions Inc.

Gas Can

Director: Mattias Graham

Producers: Mariel Scammell, Simran Dewan

Production Company: Trans-Canada Film Collective

In the Name of Confucius

Director: Doris Liu

Producers: Doris Liu, Leon Lee, Alan Mendelsohn

Production Company: Mark Media Corp.

Mystery of the Secret Room

Director: Wanda Nolan

Producer: Annette Clarke

Production Company: National Film Board of Canada

Lifestyle & Reality

Winner

The Amazing Race Canada

Director: Rob Brunner

Producers: John Brunton, Barbara Bowlby, Mark Lysakowski, Mike Bickerton, Sarah James, Kyle Marin, Robyn Bigue, Guy Clarkson, Ann Camilleri, Steff Millman, Catherine Petersen

Production Company: Insight Production Company Ltd

Nominees



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Big Brother Canada

Director: Dave Russell

Producers: John Brunton, Barbara Bowlby, Erin Brock, Sue Brophay, Eric Abboud, Trevor Boris

Production Company: Insight Production Company Ltd.

Dragon's Den – Season 11 – DNA of a Dragon

Director: Jane Wilson

Producers: Tracie Tighe, Amy Bourne, Molly Middleton

Production Company: Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

Performing Arts & Entertainment

Winner

Late Harvest

Director: Benjamin Musgrave

Producer: Natasha Howes

Production Company: Grave Pictures

Nominees

Crack the Cypher

Director: Marites Carino

Producer: Marites Carino

Production Company: Video Signatures

Move

Director: Marlene Millar

Producers: Sandy Silva, Sonia Clarke

Production Company: Migration Dance Film Project

Ruth Shaw Best of Saskatchewan Award

Winner

Gas Can

Director: Mattias Graham

Producers: Mariel Scammell, Simran Dewan

Production Company: Trans-Canada Film Collective

Nominees

In Her Veins

Directors: Rebekah Lesko, Kendall Latimer

Producers: Eric Westhaver, Carlos Prieto, Britton Gray

Post-Secondary Institution: University of Regina



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Maple Creek Massacre: The Dragon of Wapashoe Springs

Director: Mike Maekelburger
Producer: Mike Maekelburger
Production Company: Play Creative

Sirocco: Winds of Resistance

Director: Josh Campbell
Producer: Josh Campbell
Production Company: Growing Deception

Stigma

Director: Kolbie Nessel
Producer: Kolbie Nessel
Post-Secondary Institution: University of Regina

Short Subject – Fiction

Winner

Show and Tell

Director: Reem Morsi
Producer: Sally Karam
Production Company: Sixth Avenue Productions

Nominees

Emma

Director: Martin Edralin
Producers: Martin Edralin, Lauren Corber
Production Companies: Circus Zero Films, LoCo Motion Pictures

Gas Can

Director: Mattias Graham
Producers: Mariel Scammell, Simran Dewan
Production Company: Trans-Canada Film Collective

Ingrid & The Black Hole

Director: Leah Johnston
Producers: Leah Johnston, Walter Forsyth
Production Company: The World Beneath Productions Inc.

Stolen

Director: Kawennáhere Devery Jacobs
Producers: Kawennáhere Devery Jacobs, Martin St-Martin
Production Company:



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Short Subject – Non-Fiction

Winner

Fix and Release

Director: Scott Dobson

Producers: Jono Nemethy, Scott Dobson

Production Company: Junction Box J Inc.

Nominees

Dialogue(s)

Director: Phillippe David Gagné

Producers: Denis McCready, Colette Loumède

Production Companies: National Film Board of Canada, Sonimage

Lookout

Director: Kyath Battie

Producer: Kyath Battie

Production Company: Bad.E. Productions

Princess Jack

Director: Lesley Johnson

Producers: Lesley Johnson, Laura Wright, Lesley Birchard

Production Companies: Northwest Productions, York University

Stone Makers

Director: Jean-Marc E. Roy

Producers: Denis McCready, Colette Loumède

Production Companies: National Film Board of Canada, Sonimage

Student Production

Winner

Love Stinks

Director: Alicia Harris

Producer: Rebeca Ortiz

Post-Secondary Institution: Ryerson University

Nominees

Dreamers

Director: Kolby Kostyniuk

Producer: Stephanie Proulx

Post-Secondary Institution: University of Regina



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In Her Veins

Directors: Rebekah Lesko, Kendall Latimer

Producers: Eric Westhaver, Carlos Prieto, Britton Gray

Post-Secondary Institution: University of Regina

Life with John

Director: Michal Labik

Producer: Michal Labik

Post-Secondary Institution: York University

The Yoga Bridge

Director: Michael Orlando

Producers: Ryan Bright, Michael Orlando

Post-Secondary Institution: University of British Columbia