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As the 2022 Milwaukee Film Festival comes to a close, the organization celebrated the 8 winners of its 6 juried awards at an Awards Reception at the Skyline Lounge at Nō Studios. The final awards, the Allan H. (Bud) and Suzanne L. Selig Audience Awards for Best Feature and Best Short, will be announced early next week.

- **Luminaries Jury Award (\$5,000) - *Petite Maman* | dir. Céline Sciamma**
  - Special Mentions:
    - *Barbara Lee: Speaking Truth to Power* | dir. Abby Ginzberg
    - *Last Film Show* | dir. Pan Nalin
- **Emerging Fiction Jury Award (\$5,000) - *Beyond the Infinite Two Minutes* | dir. Junta Yamaguchi**
  - Special Mention: *Scarborough* | dirs. Shasha Nakhai and Rich Williamson
- **Emerging Documentary Jury Award (\$5,000) - *North By Current* | dir. Angelo Madsen Minax**
  - Special Mentions:
    - *Let the Little Light Shine* | dir. Kevin Shaw
    - *Bad Axe* | dir. David Siev
- **Cream City Cinema Jury Award (\$2,500) - *A Life on the Farm* | dir. Oscar Harding**
- **Cream City Cinema Jury Award (\$5,000) - *The Waiting Room* | dir. Diya Gitanjali Mark**
- **Cream City Cinema Jury Award (\$5,000) - *Flowers Forever: Visibility for Existence* | dir. Nick Leffel**
  - Special Mentions:
    - *The Stigma of the Durag* | dir. Justin Goodrum
    - *Thy Name is Suffering* | dir. Dan Black
    - *Building an Edge* | dir. Brittany Gunderson
- **Shorts Jury Award (\$1,000) - *Like the Ones I Used to Know* | dir. Annie St-Pierre**
  - Special Mentions:
    - *Stranger than Rotterdam with Sara Driver* | dirs. Lewie and Noah Kloster
    - *F^ck 'Em R!ght B@ck* | dir. Harris Doran
    - *Close Ties to Home Country* | dir. Akanksha Cruczynski

- **Shorts Jury Award**
  - Special Mentions continued:
    - *Águilas* | dirs. Kristy Guevara-Flanagan and Maite Zubiaurre
    - *Things at Rest* | dir. Desirae (Des) Lee
    - *Marlon Brando* | dir. Vincent Tilanus
  
- **Kids' Choice Jury Award (\$1,000) - *Wolf and Cub: An Epic Lunch Journey* | dir. Marvin "Stro" Bynoe**
  - Special Mentions:
    - The Dare to Dream Award: *Salvador Dali* | dir. Eldiar Madakim
    - The Inspirational Award: *The Warrior Princess* | dir. Vianca Fuster
    - The Pull on Your Heart Strings Award: *Grab My Hand: A Letter to My Dad* | dir. Camrus Johnson
    - Most Dynamic Story: *Them* | dir. Sunitha Sangaré
    - Best Animation Style and Beloved Characters: *Mussels and Fries* | dir. Nicolas Hu

Jurors came from a variety of backgrounds within the industry and are listed below.

- **Juror | Luminaries** - David Lee, ImagineMKE
- **Juror | Luminaries** - Sean Weiner, Jacob Burns Film Center
- **Juror | Luminaries** - Stacey Yvonne, Black Girl Nerds
- **Juror | Emerging Fiction** - Keisha Knight, IDA, Sentient.Art.Film
- **Juror | Emerging Fiction** - Luchina Fisher, Filmmaker
- **Juror | Emerging Fiction** - Brian Khan, Full Spectrum
- **Juror | Emerging Documentary** - Cami Guarda, Filmmaker
- **Juror | Emerging Documentary** - Faridah Gbadamosi, Outfest
- **Juror | Emerging Documentary** - Jin Yoo-Kim, Filmmaker
- **Juror | Cream City Cinema** - Mar Garvey, Kartemquin
- **Juror | Cream City Cinema** - Mateó Ochoa, Sundance Institute
- **Juror | Cream City Cinema** - Meredith Shea, ARRAY Crew
- **Juror | Shorts** - Lori Felker, Filmmaker
- **Juror | Shorts** - Marángeli Mejia-Rabell, Philly Latino Fest
- **Juror | Shorts** - Elise Schierbeek, Kartemquin
- **The Kids' Choice Jury** is made up of Milwaukee-area youth.

#### **About Milwaukee Film**

Milwaukee Film is a nonprofit arts organization dedicated to creating world class cinematic experiences that convene our diverse community and catalyze positive change in Milwaukee, with a vision to make Milwaukee Film the most dynamic, well-rounded film culture institution in America. The 14th annual Milwaukee Film Festival is being held April 21-May 5, 2022. For more information or to become a Member, visit [mkefilm.org](http://mkefilm.org).

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