

2013 *Wild Rose* Award Winners – by Film

Message from the Director, Kimberly Busbee

With each passing year of the international Wild Rose competition, I am amazed at the continued rise in production values of films with fascinating subject matter, many with top notch acting and directing skills, resulting in cinematic excellence captured through the art of independent filmmaking. This year held the greatest judging challenge to date in the eleven year history of the Wild Rose, as the quality of films submitted never has been better. Thanks to the dedicated work of a team of judges, the 45 Official Selections for the 2013 Wild Rose (many from Iowa) came from an initial pool of over four hundred submissions. Selecting Award Winners was extremely challenging this year, and our judging process helped identify this year's extensive list of both Distinctive Achievement Awards and Best of Festival winners. While each of the Official Selections are considered by the Wild Rose staff to be winners, we also have recognized select films which have elevated themselves to receive top Awards, many in multiple categories. It was an honor to share this year's 45 Official Selections with all the lovers of indie film who attended the Wild Rose. On behalf of everyone associated with the Wild Rose, I wish each filmmaker continued success with their 2013 Wild Rose Independent Film Festival film, and the sincere wish that they create many future projects to share with the world. As one movie critic commented about the world of independent filmmaking, "Independent films are about great stories connecting with audiences who don't yet know they need to see them."

Burning

Ben Sulzberger, Writer/Director/Cinematographer
Best Student Film High School

OperHator

Tara-Nicole Azarian, Writer/Director/Producer
Best Student Film High School

To Those Who Survive

Connor Botts, Director/Producer; Cody Warren, Writer/Producer/Cinematographer
Distinctive Achievement High School

When Amy Came Home

Travis Reinders, Director/Producer; Ali Neilsen, Producer
Distinctive Achievement High School

The Organizer

Susan Hippen, Writer/Director; Lindsay Bane, Producer; Alan Dianco, Cinematographer
Best Student Film College/University (Undergraduate/Graduate)
Distinctive Achievement Music Short Film (Joshua Green, Music)
Distinctive Achievement Actress Student Film (Susan Hippen)
Distinctive Achievement Actor Student Film College/University (Undergraduate/Graduate) (Will Blomker)

Loraine

David Sarkissian, Writer/Director/Producer; Devon Campbell & Caitlin Lusk, Cinematographers
Best Emerging Actor (Ralph Chahinian)
Distinctive Achievement Best Student Film College/University (Undergraduate/Graduate)
Distinctive Achievement Actress Student Film (Shiva Negar)

Sun Flower

Taeho Kang, Director/Executive Producer; Elena Serebryannaya, Producer; Sai Aung Tun, Cinematographer
Distinctive Achievement Best Student Film College/University (Undergraduate/Graduate)
Distinctive Achievement International Film

Homecoming

Keith Hedlund, Writer/Director/Producer; Jeanne Tyson, Cinematographer
Best Actress Student Film College/University (Undergraduate/Graduate) (Amelia Borella)
Best Actor Student Film College/University (Undergraduate/Graduate) (Nicholas Downs)
Best Actor Student Film College/University (Undergraduate/Graduate) (Bruno Fracassa)

Aufzug/The Lift

Emily Kuhnke, Director; Billy MacKinnon, Writer; Vickie Hansen, Catie Lamer, Producers; Tomas Spencer, Cinematographer

Best International Film

Best Sound Design (Christopher Donaghue, Sound Editor; Gordon Moon, Sound Recordist)

Best Lighting Design (Philip Reinhold, Director of Photography)

Best Costumes (Julia Jules Hepp, Costume Designer)

Best Cinematography Short Film (Tomas Spencer, Cinematographer)

Best Screenplay Short Film (Billy MacKinnon, Writer)

Best Director Short Film (Emily Kuhnke)

Distinctive Achievement Makeup/Hair (Saskia Reese, Hair/Makeup Design)

Distinctive Achievement Supporting Actor Short Film (Martin Geuer)

Rose, Mary and Time

Hardeep Giani, Writer/Director/Producer; David Symmons, Cinematographer

Best International Film

Best Sound Design

(Louis Douglas Green, Phil Macdonald, Boom Operators; Lee Willis, Sound Re-recording Mixer)

Best Production Design/Art Direction (Arif Mahmood)

Best Visual Effects (Dean P. Wells, Mick Bahler, Special Effects Editors;
James Stanton, Tim Clark, Simon Byrnes, Additional Special Effects)

Best Music Short Film (Nick Norton-Smith, Original Music Score)

Best Ensemble Casting Short Film

Best Actress Short Film (Isla Lindsay)

Best Supporting Actress Short Film (Lizzie Worsdell)

Distinctive Achievement Costumes (Anita Kwasniewski, Design)

Distinctive Achievement Cinematography – Short Film (David Symmons, Cinematographer)

Distinctive Achievement Actor Short Film (Zak Lee)

Distinctive Achievement Screenplay Short Film (Hardeep Giani, Writer/Director/Producer)

Masque

Robert Hatch, Director; Richard Losee, Writer/Producer; Brian Sullivan, Cinematographer

Best Production Design/Art Direction (Debbie Farrer, Barbara Ward, Art Directors)

Best Editing Short Film (Robert Hatch, Editor)

Best Music Short Film (Merrill Jenson, Composer/Conductor)

Best Costumes (Shari Ohman, Becky Swasey, Costume Designers)

Best Makeup/Hair (Tiffany Corren, Laurie Vuckich; Makeup Artists/Hair Stylists;
Chris Hanson, Special Makeup Effects; Boni Losee, Hair Stylist)

Best Fight Choreography/Stunts (Bill McIntosh, Boxing Choreographer; Richard Losee, Boxing Trainer)

Best Cinematography Short Film (Brian Sullivan, Cinematographer)

Best Ensemble Casting Short Film

Best Actress Short Film (Lauren Holly)

Best Actor Short Film (Richard Losee)

Best Supporting Actor Short Film (Wilford Brimley)

Best Screenplay Short Film (Richard Losee, Writer/Producer)

Best Director Short Film (Robert Hatch)

Best Short Film

Distinctive Achievement Sound Design (Matt Hales, Sound Editor)

Distinctive Achievement Lighting Design

Distinctive Achievement Visual Effects (Jonathan Hallett, Visual Effects Producer)

Guest House

Aaron Wolf, Director; Aaron Wolf, Dan Wolf, Writers; Pete DiFolco, Producer; Timothy Nuttall, Cinematographer

Best Supporting Actress Short Film (Angela Gould)

Best Actor Short Film (Mark Gessner)

Distinctive Achievement Production Design/Art Direction

(Allison R. Marx, Production Design; Kelley Lutter, Art Direction)

Distinctive Achievement Editing – Short Film**Distinctive Achievement Makeup/Hair** (Liv Swenson, Key Makeup/Hair)**Distinctive Achievement Ensemble Casting – Short Film****Distinctive Achievement Actress Short Film** (Heather Lind)**Distinctive Achievement Supporting Actor Short Film** (Michael Gross)**Distinctive Achievement Director** (Aaron Wolf, Director)**Distinctive Achievement Short Film*****Jägerbär***

Alexander Thomas Scott, Director/Producer; Angeline Rose Troy, Jeff Worden, Producers; Brett Alan Bentman, Writer; Gareth Taylor, Cinematographer

Distinctive Achievement Production Design/Art Direction (Brooke Brandt, Set Decorator)**Distinctive Achievement Lighting Design****Distinctive Achievement Director** (Alexander Thomas Scott, Director/Producer)**Distinctive Achievement Short Film*****The Paragon Cortex***

John Kilker, Writer/Director; Christian Hünnebeck, Producer; Alex Jentz, Leif Thomas, Cinematographers

Best Editing Feature Film (Andreas Fetscher, John Kilker, Editors)**Best Cinematography Feature Film** (Alex Jentz, Leif Thomas)**Best Ensemble Casting** (Hank Schob, Casting)**Best Actress Feature Film** (Melissa Navia)**Best Actor Feature Film** (Nick Coleman)**Distinctive Achievement Production Design/Art Direction**

(David Corigliano, Production Design; Jimmy Kilker, Art Direction)

Distinctive Achievement Visual Effects (Henning Falk, Maxim Matthew, Visual Effects)**Distinctive Achievement Music – Narrative Feature** (Max van der Rose, Music)**Distinctive Achievement Fight Choreography/Stunts** (Shawwna Thibodeau, Fight Consultant)**Distinctive Achievement Supporting Actor Feature Film** (James Kautz)**Distinctive Achievement Director Narrative Feature Film** (John Kilker)**Distinctive Achievement Feature Film*****American Montage***

Janek Ambrose, Writer/Director/Producer/Cinematographer/Editor

Best Experimental Film**Best Editing Short Film*****Global Tides***

Linda Brieda, Director; Kerry Taylor, Producer; Kaya Purohit, Co-Producer; Ryo Murakami, Cinematographer

Best Dance Choreography (Charly Wenzel, Choreographer/Dancer, Co-Producer)**Distinctive Achievement Editing Short Film** (Sam Caino, Liam Sabini, Editors)**Distinctive Achievement Experimental Film*****Teen Cop 2: Angst in Space***

Greg Best, Writer/Director/Producer/Cinematographer/Editor

Distinctive Achievement Editing Short Film**Distinctive Achievement Visual Effects****Distinctive Achievement Iowa Short Film*****Jens Jensen The Living Green***

Carey Lundin, Director/Producer; Mark Frazel, Writer; Lana Bernberg, Cinematographer

Best Documentary Feature**Best Editing Feature Film** (Ilko Davidov, Editor)**Best Music Documentary Feature Film** (Sam Hulick, Music)**Best Director Documentary Feature** (Carey Lundin)***Thunder***

Bitch, Billie Jo Cavallaro, Directors; Billie Jo Cavallaro, Leslie Gearhart, Producers

Best Music Documentary Feature Film (Ferron, Composer; Bitch, Soundtrack)
Distinctive Achievement – Editing, Feature Film (Billie Jo Cavallaro, Editor)
Distinctive Achievement Director Documentary Feature (Bitch, Billie Jo Cavallaro)
Distinctive Achievement Documentary Feature

Lost Cinemas of Greater Des Moines

Mark Heggen, Writer/Director/Producer/Editor; Sarah Oltrogge, Producer

Best Documentary Feature
Audience Award
Distinctive Achievement – Editing, Feature Film
Distinctive Achievement Director Documentary Feature
Distinctive Achievement Iowa Feature Film

Roar

Tim Halling, Writer/Producer; Abe Scheuermann, Director, Douglas Cheney, Cinematographer

Distinctive Achievement Music – Short Film (Jeremy Faccone, Music)
Distinctive Achievement Ensemble Casting - Short Film
Distinctive Achievement Actor Short Film (Tim Halling)
Distinctive Achievement Supporting Actor Short Film (Jonathan Banks)
Distinctive Achievement Director
Distinctive Achievement Short Film

23 Minutes to Sunrise

Jay Kanzler, Writer/Director/Producer; Chris Benson, Cinematographer

Best Feature Film
Best Music – Narrative Feature Film (Tony Easterly, Original Music)
Best Screenplay Feature Film (Jay Kanzler, Writer/Director/Producer)
Best Supporting Actress Feature Film (Nia Peeples)
Best Actress Feature Film (Jilanne Klaus)
Best Actor Feature Film (Eric Roberts)
Best Director Narrative Feature Film (Jay Kanzler)
Distinctive Achievement Cinematography Short Film
Distinctive Achievement Supporting Actor Feature Film (Tom Sandoval)
Distinctive Achievement Actor Feature Film (Dingani Beza)

Four Dead Batteries

Hiram Martinez, Writer/Director; Sean Martinez, Producer; Raquel Fernandez, Cinematographer

Best Ensemble Casting
Distinctive Achievement Music – Narrative Feature (The Hot Club of Cowtown, Music)
Distinctive Achievement Actress Feature Film (Annie Armstrong)
Distinctive Achievement Actress Feature Film (Alison Becker)
Distinctive Achievement Actress Feature Film (Dana Cuomo)
Distinctive Achievement Supporting Actress Feature Film (Kendal Ridgeway)
Distinctive Achievement Actor Feature Film (Patrick Dall'Occhio)
Distinctive Achievement Actor Feature Film (Benjamin Travers)
Distinctive Achievement Actor Feature Film (Rob Webber)
Distinctive Achievement Actor Feature Film (David Zubradt)
Distinctive Achievement Screenplay Feature Film (Hiram Martinez, Writer/Director)
Distinctive Achievement Director Narrative Feature Film
Distinctive Achievement Feature Film

Sacred Journey of the Heart

Ronna Prince, Writer/Executive Producer; Skip Thomas, Director/Camera Operator; Donald Backstrom, Producer

Best Inspirational Documentary Feature Film
Distinctive Achievement Music – Documentary Feature Film
 (Theme song by Ronna Prince & Karla Bonkowski-Magnan)
Distinctive Achievement Documentary Feature

Posey

Billy DaMota, Writer/Director/Producer; Angeline Renee Cook, Executive Producer; Darren Rydstrom, Cinematographer
Distinctive Achievement (Rahul Nath, Bollywood Dance Sequence)
Distinctive Achievement Actress Short Film (Sally Kirkland)

Filandra

Marlene Mc'Cohen, Director; Jay Davis, Producer; Genna Mc'Cohen, Writer
Distinctive Achievement Ensemble Casting – Short Film
Distinctive Achievement Actress Short Film (Genna Mc'Cohen)
Distinctive Achievement Supporting Actress – Short Film (Marlene Mc'Cohen)
Distinctive Achievement Supporting Actor Short Film (Jim Parrack)

Colorburn

Thor Moreno, Writer/Director/Cinematographer; Annette Duffy, Producer
Distinctive Achievement Actress Short Film (Annette Duffy)
Distinctive Achievement Iowa Short Film

S.T.U.F.F.E.D.

Gabriel Rowold, Writer/Director/Producer; Greg Frieden, Co-Writer; Shane Kos, Tosh Dillinger, Writers; Greg Frieden, Cinematographer
Distinctive Achievement Supporting Actress – Short Film (Susan Wynne Lunning)
Distinctive Achievement Actor – Short Film (Micheal Davenport)
Distinctive Achievement Supporting Actor Short Film (Jim Brockhohn)
Distinctive Achievement Iowa Short Film

Flick

Lauren K. Hickman, Writer/Director/Producer
Distinctive Achievement Actor Short Film (Grant Monohon)
Distinctive Achievement Iowa Short Film

CoPay

Paul Berge, Writer/Director; Kathy Berge, Producer; Bradley Smyser, Cinematographer
Best Iowa Short Film
Distinctive Achievement Actor Short Film (Greg Anderson)

Cough

Jason Kempnich, Writer/Director/Producer; Gordan Glew, Producer; Graeme McMahanon, Cinematographer
Distinctive Achievement Screenplay Short Film (Jason Kempnich, Writer/Director/Producer)
Distinctive Achievement International Film

The Formula

Joe Clarke, Writer/Director/Producer; Ravi Patel, Executive Producer; Mike Kieler, Cinematographer
Best Iowa Feature Film
Best Supporting Actor Feature Film (Reginald VelJohnson)
Distinctive Achievement Supporting Actress Feature Film (Megan Hensley)
Distinctive Achievement Supporting Actor Feature Film (Tyler Thirnbeck)
Distinctive Achievement Actress Feature Film (Sasha Jackson)
Distinctive Achievement Actor Feature Film (Brandon Baker)
Distinctive Achievement Actor Feature Film (Mike Schminke)
Distinctive Achievement Director Narrative Feature Film (Joe Clarke)
Distinctive Achievement Feature Film

The Highway Walkers

Darrell Johnston, Director/Cinematographer; Darrell Johnston, Josiah Laubenstein, Co-Producers
Distinctive Achievement Iowa Feature Film

Dance of the Books

Lorena Fernandez, Writer/Director/Producer, Lead Actor, Cinematographer
Best Animated Film

Screenplay – Unproduced

Best – *Sixty-Four* (David D. DeBord)

Distinctive Achievement – *Honour* (Tom Deiker)

Distinctive Achievement – *The Hickory Horse* (Vicki Bartholomew)

Distinctive Achievement – *Ohio Finch* (Chad Parson and Wolfgang Bauer)