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## USA FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE USAFF51 INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM COMPETITION

DALLAS – The USA Film Festival announced the winners of the 51st Annual USA Film Festival's International Short Film & Video Competition.

Chosen from more than 500 international entries from 53 countries, the winners included:

### [Jury Prize, Narrative](#)

*Award*, Valentina Starkova, director

### [Jury Prize, Animation](#)

*Metro6*, Geoff Hecht, director

### [Jury Prize, Non-Fiction](#)

*The Snow Calls*, Marjan Khosravi, director

### [Jury Prize, Experimental](#)

*I Want to Make a Film About Women*, Karen Pearlman, director

### [Honorable Mention, Narrative](#)

*Mrs. van Dalen Awaits...*, Charlotte Rietbergen & Samantha Janssen, co-directors

### [Honorable Mention, Narrative](#)

*Rosa*, Jean-Michel Gervais & Gabriel J. Lemay, co-directors

### [Honorable Mention, Narrative](#)

*Smile*, Do Young Chan, director

### [Honorable Mention, Narrative](#)

*Pipo and Blind Love*, Hugo Le Gourrierec, director

The 2021 National Jury included actor, director and teacher Karen Allen; actor, producer, director and teacher Diane Baker; actor, playwright, screenwriter, author and film historian Jim Beaver; cinematographer Bill Butler; actor Dale Dickey; visual artist and filmmaker Rosson Crow; animator and animation supervisor Bill Haller; motion picture sound mixer, writer and director Ron Judkins; manager, writer, producer and director Chris Roe; and actor, author and storyteller Stephen Tobolowsky.

This year marks the 51st Anniversary of the Festival, which has awarded prizes to dozens of now established filmmakers early in their careers including Mark Osborne (*More*), Don Hertzfeldt (*Lilly and Jim*), Chel White (*Choreography for Copy Machine*), Bill Plympton (*Your Face*), Michael Almereyda (*Another Girl, Another Planet*), Jessica Yu (*Breathing Lessons: The Life and Work of Mark O'Brien*), Wes Anderson (*Bottle Rocket*), Marlon Riggs (*Tongues Untied*), Todd Haynes (*Superstar*), Alexander Payne (*The Passion of Martin*), George Hickenlooper (*Some Folks Call it a Sling Blade*), Alan Taylor (*That Burning Question*) and John Lasseter (*Tin Toy*).

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**ABOUT THE USA FILM FESTIVAL**

*A year-round film festival featuring 50 days of programs*

The USA Film Festival is a 51-year-old Dallas-based 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to the recognition and promotion of excellence in the film and video arts. Year-round events include the annual KidFilm® Festival; monthly screenings; special programs and premieres; and the USA Film Festival, held each Spring. Throughout the year, the Festival presents a variety of membership, exhibition, educational, and cultural programs designed to promote equity and equality, and to bring together audiences and artists for a “live cinema” experience.

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