



**JACKSONVILLE
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2018 Jacksonville Film Festival Award Winners Announced

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Jacksonville, FL - The **Jacksonville Film Festival** is announcing the **2018 Award Winners**.

The Jacksonville community had the chance to experience a variety of films September 14 and 15. The event started Friday evening with the heartwarming documentary block, **HEART YOUR DOCS**, followed by the **HOME & ABROAD** and **UTTERLY MACABRE** film blocks Saturday.

The mission of the Jacksonville Film Festival is to celebrate motion pictures by discovering and showcasing new talent. We aim to rejuvenate the film industry in Jacksonville by creating an atmosphere that immerses the filmmakers with their audience and community. The festival is an opportunity for filmmakers to be recognized for their cinematic achievements while creating an event to reward the best work submitted to the festival.

The **Best Documentary Award** was presented to:

My Paintbrush Bites / U.S.A (Director: Joel Pincosy) -- A man battling reclusion and a racehorse on the brink of death save each other in unexpected ways.

The **Best Short Narrative Award** was presented to:

8328 / Canada (Director: Marc-Andre Girard) -- The film is about an unexpected encounter between young Hugo and Raymond, to whom life has given few gifts- except a few wooden carvings.

The **Best Screenplay** was presented to:
8328 / Canada (Director: Marc-Andre Girard)

The **Best Feature Narrative Award** was presented to:
Rehabilitation of the Hill / U.S.A. (Director: Demetrius Wren) -- Pittsburgh's Historic Hill District which is next in line for a full scale gentrification project. Kelly Saikaly, a local Hill District Resident and activist is ready to chain herself to the construction equipment in order to stop folks from taking away her neighborhood and kicking out the residents for new upscale condos.

The **Best Director Award** was presented to:
Great Choice / U.S.A. (Director: Robin Comisar) -- A woman gets trapped in a Red Lobster commercial.

The **Best Actor/Actress Award** was presented to:
Actress **Carrie Coon** for her performance in **Great Choice** / U.S.A.

"Great cinema shows us a part of life and living we are unfamiliar with yet it feels like our experience. It reverberates off the universal truths we hold within ourselves, and if we catch it we can learn to live better. Our selected winners are still echoing through my being," said Tim Driscoll, JFF Film Program Director.

"Jacksonville has such an amazing cultural and art diversity. After 6 years away, the Jacksonville Film Festival team was excited to bring the festival back to the city and overwhelmed by the great turnout. We are excited for what the future holds and can't wait for the many years to come," said JFF Director, Niki Logoreci.

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