



## 40<sup>th</sup> Boston Film Festival Presents Awards for Outspoken, Inspiring Cinema

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BOSTON – September 25, 2024 - The 40<sup>th</sup> Boston Film Festival announced the awards today for the live event program. Sponsored by Boston Harbor Studios, Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport, Meet Boston, Sip Bar & Restaurant, Joe’s Waterfront, Locke Bar, DePriscos, and Trilogy Yachts Boston, the renowned festival highlighted the best in feature, documentary, short and animated film as well as a new college day by Warner Bros. Television at Emerson College and Boston University.

The Humanitarian Impact of Change Award was presented to Chuck Cooper III for his work through the Chuck Cooper Foundation honoring his father former Boston Celtics player Chuck Cooper II. M.I.T. Head Basketball Coach Larry Anderson made the presentation as part of the *Sweetwater* film premiere.

Special screenings were hosted at theatres throughout Boston with feature film *Sweetwater* winning six awards including Best Film, Best Director, Best Actor, Best Story, Best Music, and Best Ensemble Cast.

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FULL LIST OF AWARD WINNERS:

- Best Film *Sweetwater* – Martin Guigui, Director
- Audience Favorite Feature *Any Day Now* – Eric Aronson, Director
- Best Director Martin Guigui – *Sweetwater*
- Best Actor Everett Osborne – *Sweetwater*
- Best Actress Virginia Madsen – *SHEEPDOG*
- Best Supporting Actor Vondie Curtis-Hall – *SHEEPDOG*
- Best Supporting Actress Lindsay Dresbach – *Max Dagan*
- Best Screenplay *SHEEPDOG* – Steven Grayhm, Matt Dallas, Writer
- Best Cinematography *Phillip Dutton: Leap of Faith* – David Layton, Cinematographer
- Best Story *Sweetwater* – Martin Guigui, Director
- Best Editing *Capturing Kennedy*, Peter Deak, Steele Burrow
- Best Ensemble Cast *Sweetwater* – Everett Osborne, Jeremy Piven, Cary Elwes, Kevin Pollock, Jim Caviezel, Richard Dreyfus
- Best Music *Sweetwater*, Jeff Cardoni, Martin Guigui
- Emerging Filmmaker Steele Burrow – *Capturing Kennedy*

- Best Documentary *Democracy Noir* – Connie Field, Director
- Mass Impact Award *Democracy Noir* – Connie Field, Director
- EcoFilm *The Piping Plovers of Moonlight Bay* – Kim Smith, Director
- Best Short Film *Just Sally* - Kyle Misak, Director
- Best Comedy Short *Jane Austen’s Period Drama* - Julia Aks, Steve Pinder, Director
- Best Animated Short *Common Fly* – Ian Alexander Castracane, Director
- Best Short Documentary *Nine Lives* - Jessie Davidson, Director
- Best Actor in a Short Josh Brener - *Caller 102: A Ballad of Cyberspace*
- Best Actress in a Short Jesse LaTourette - “*RAPT*”
- Best Student Short *Stay Here* – Marley Rankin, Director

Sponsors for the 2024 Boston Film Festival also include Dream Alley Pictures & Partners, Boston Public Library, and Shalin Liu Performance Hall.

More information about The Boston Film Festival can be found at: <https://bostonfilmfestival.org/>.

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