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# **THE VOTES ARE IN!**

## **Announcing the 2024 CIFF Audience Choice Awards**

**CALGARY, AB** - The Calgary International Film Festival, presented by connectFirst Credit Union, wrapped up its 25th Anniversary Festival on Sunday, September 29, and is excited to announce the Audience Choice Award winners. The awards are based on the scores of audience ballots collected throughout the festival. The CIFF Audience Choice Awards are presented by TELUS.

“It’s so exciting to see what resonates with our audiences each year, and it feels extra special this year as we celebrated our 25th anniversary,” said Brian Owens, CIFF’s Artistic Director.

“We want to congratulate all of the filmmakers and want to thank our audience for making this such a successful year, especially as we embarked on our first year of the Constellation. Over 31,000 people joined CIFF this year and we are so grateful for the support that Calgary has shown us so that we can all work together and can continue to showcase cinematic arts in our city.”

### **CIFF AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD WINNERS**

**25th Anniversary Audience Choice Award for Overall Top Score**

**[THE TRAGICALLY HIP: NO DRESS REHEARSAL](#)**

**Director: Mike Downie**

**Audience Choice Award - Alberta Feature**

**[LUCKY STAR](#)**

**Director: Gillian McKercher**

**Audience Choice Award - Canadian Narrative Feature**

**[DRIVE BACK HOME](#)**

**Director: Michael Clowater**

**Audience Choice Award - Canadian Documentary Feature**

**[SINGING BACK THE BUFFALO](#)**

**Director: Tasha Hubbard**

**Audience Choice Award - International Narrative Feature**

**[MY FAVOURITE CAKE](#)**

**Directors: Maryam Moghaddam and Behtash Sanaeeha**

**Audience Choice Award - International Documentary Feature**

**[SECRET MALL APARTMENT](#)**

**Director: Jeremy Workman**

**Audience Choice Award - Late Shift**

**[DARK MATCH](#)**

**Director: Lowell Dean**

**Audience Choice Award - New American Cinema**

**[BOB TREVINO LIKES IT](#)**

**Director: Tracie Laymon**

**Audience Choice Award - Music on Screen**

**[GODDESS OF SLIDE: THE FORGOTTEN STORY OF ELLEN MCILWAINE](#)**

**Director: Alfonso Maiorana**

**Audience Choice Award - Special Presentations**

**[ROAD DIARY: BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN & THE E STREET BAND](#)**

**Director: Thom Zimny**

**Audience Choice Award - Alberta Short**

**[INISKIM - RETURN OF THE BUFFALO](#)**

**Directors: Leanne Allison and Pete Balkwill**

**Audience Choice Award - Live Action Short**

**[PALESTINE ISLANDS](#)**

**Directors: Nour Ben Salem and Julien Menanteau**

**Audience Choice Award - Animated Short**

**[THE SUN IS BAD](#)**

**Director: Sum Yee Rachel Mow**

**Audience Choice Award - Documentary Short**

**[A SWIM LESSON](#)**

**Directors: Rashida Jones and Will McCormack**

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**About the Calgary International Film Festival**

Founded in 2000, the Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF) is a not-for-profit charitable organization that brings films and filmmakers from around the world to Calgary for its annual Fall festival and year-round programming. CIFF is now the largest event of its kind in Alberta and the sixth-largest film festival in Canada, bringing audiences together for remarkable and engaging cinematic experiences. CIFF is proud to present its 25th Anniversary festival from September 19 – September 29, 2024 with in-cinema screenings, celebrating stand-out stories and offering once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

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