

2005 AWARD WINNERS

All good things must come to an end, and this the 15th edition of Inside Out Toronto Lesbian and Gay Film and Video festival closes out one of its strongest years ever with attendance hitting 30,000.

Canadian films and programs sold out consistently, including the features **Ice Men** directed by Thom Best; **Zero Degrees of Separation** directed by Elle Flanders; and **Fag Hags: Women Who Love Gay Men** directed by Justine Pimlott. Two of the biggest Programs were the local, **Queer round Here**, and Adam Garnet Jones' curated **Pow! Wow!**

This year also saw one of the strongest attendances from international industry and guests.

Winners of the festival were announced at a brunch at the luxurious home of *John Jordan* and *Dennis Keefe*. The esteemed jury members making this year's difficult decisions were, for the shorts: accomplished actor *Billy Merasty*, multi-media artist *Melanya Liwanag Aguila*, and writer/curator/Ryerson prof *Kathleen Pirrie Adams*; and for the features: photographer *Michael Chambers*, TIFF festival co-director *Noah Cowan* and photographer/filmmaker *Pamela Gawn*.

And The Winners Are:

Entertainment Partners Canada Award For Best Canadian Feature-Length Narrative or Documentary

Everyone - directed by Bill Marchant

Honorable Mention, Best Feature

Zero Degrees of Separation - directed by Elle Flanders

Best Canadian Female Short Award Presented by Akau Framing and Art

Girl On Girl - directed by Miss Nomer Collective

Colin Campbell Award For Best Canadian Male Short

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Best Up and Coming Toronto Film or Video Maker Award Presented by Charles Street Video

Mexican Refugee (Mexicano Refugiado) - directed Alex Flores

Best Female Director Award

Presented by Women In Film and Television - Toronto

In The Dark - directed by Niko Blaxxx

Shorts Special Jury Citation Award

Drag Rock Movie - directed by Jennifer Hebscher Markowitz

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Innocent - directed by Cliff Kafai Mok

AND NOW THE AUDIENCE VOTED WINNERS,

announced at the closing party held at Supermarket on Augusta Ave:

Mikey/Schmikey Award For Best Short Film or Video

Irene Williams: Queen of Lincoln Road - directed by Eric Smith

**Elle Flanders Documentary Award For Best Documentary Film or Video
Presented by NOW Magazine**

Fag Hags: Women Who Love Gay Men - directed by Justine Pimlott

Showcase Award For Best Feature Film or Video

Saving Face - directed by Alice Wu