

# CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL -

## AWARDS 2013 - CYIFF 2013

The 8th International Film Festival ended on October 28 at Cine Studio with the anticipated Masterclass by the distinguished Director of Photography Olympia Mytilineou ("Strella", «Miss Violence» etc.) and the "Golden Aphrodite Awards" ceremony. The ceremony was presented by the Cypriot actresses Fotini Michaelides and Christiana Theodorou. The artistic program of the evening was attended by the singers and vocal coaches Iphigenia Christodoulou and Antigone Photiou and the musician - singer Prodromos Stylianos. Screened as the closing film «The Broken Circle Breakdown» by the acclaimed Belgian Felix Van Groeningen, nominated for European Award «Lux» the screening was in cooperation with the European Parliament Office in Cyprus. Attended by several directors and members of the juries who participated in the festival, Olympia Mytilineou, Vivek Singkania, Christos Georgiou, Michael Georgiades, Chris Economides, Peter Galides, Nikos Peristianis, Giannakis Georgiades, Ioanna Maria Eliades, the fashion designer Michalsi Lazos, the Ambassador of Serbia to Cyprus and many guests. The festival director Petra Terzi announced the upcoming 9th edition of the festival within October 2014. The sponsors of the closing ceremony were the Nespresso and Stella Artois.

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#### 8th International Film Festival - Awards

##### A) Feature Films "Golden Aphrodite" - First Shown Directors

1. Award for Best Production Design : Nedeljko Bajic, Predrag Jovic, Jelena Mila - "Ice" (Serbia)
2. Award for Best Set /Best Costumes : Mey Karamanidis / Louisa Karamouzi - "The Chronicles of Drakofoinika : Indomitable" (Greece)
3. Award for Best Original Score: Aleksandar S. Ilic - "Ice" (Serbia)
4. Award for Best Editing : Phillip Crawford - "Rites of Passage" (Australia)
5. Award for Best Actor : Alex Skarbek - "Find the Way" (France)
6. Award for Best Actress : Eliza Bennett "Confine" (United Kingdom)
7. Award for Best Screenplay : Jonathan Taieb - "Find the Way" (France)
8. Award for Best Cinematography : Pedrag Jovic - "Ice" (Serbia)
9. Award for Best Director : Manuel de Coco - "Unknown Earth -Unknown Land" (Greece, Cyprus, Yemen)
11. Golden Aphrodite : Jelena Bajic Jovic - "Ice" (Serbia)
12. Audience Award for Best Feature Film : Alexander Leontaritis - "Final Repayment -Final Payoff" (Greece)
13. Nostimon Imar : Stefan George - "Dead Cat" (United Kingdom)
14. CYPRESS VETERAN'S AWARD: Claus Mazomenos - "10th Day" (Greece)
15. CYIFF RISING STAR: Rene Houwen "Foreigners", "Heroin" (Netherlands)

##### B) Short Films

##### CYIFF 2013 Got Talent

1. Award for Best Short Film : Irina Izmestieva - "Picture Perfect -Picture Perfect" (United Kingdom)

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2. Best Cinematography Award Short Film : Ben McKinnon - "KIN" ( Canada )
3. Honorable Mention for Short Film Photo : Nenad Todorovic - "Auftakt" ( Cyprus )
4. Award for Best Director First Short Film : Alessandro Grande - "Margerita" ( Italy)
5. Best Experimental Short Film : Lasse Lorenzen - " Life - Life" ( Denmark)
6. Award for Best Greek Short Film : Venice Evripiotou - "Counting Happiness" ( Greece , India)

CYIFF 2013 Short Films Veterans Directors

7. Award for Best Short Film Veteran Director : Damon Mohl - " The Diver -The Diver" ( USA)
8. Award Best Designed Short Film Veteran Director : Ben Mole - " The Case of Mary Ford -The Case of Mary Ford" ( United Kingdom )

### C) Various CYIFF 2013 Award Categories

9. Award for Best Music Film : Kostas Pliakos , Alexis Ponce "Welcome to the Show: Pavlos Sidiropoulos' Music Legacy" ( Greece )
10. Best Dance Film : Tori Lawrence - "Elizabeth" ( USA)
11. Best Animation: Fabian Giessler - "Zweibettzimmer-Double Occupancy" (Germany)

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NOTE FROM SHORT FILMS JURY - Linos Panagi, Diana Papadakis and Irena Ioannides

- **CYIFF'S GOT TALENT - BEST SHORT FILM-** Picture Perfect, Irina Izmetieva, UK  
For the brilliant cinematic storytelling, the skillful directing approach, the realistic character development and the evoking feeling of nostalgia, reinforced by the amazing acting of John Carson.
- **VETERANS BEST SHORT FILM-** The Diver, Damon Mohl, USA  
For the unique, effective use of different techniques in creating an organic film that parallels a toy character with humanity' s search for identity and meaning.
- **BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY in SHORT FILM (both categories) – KIN - Director of Photography Ben McKinnon CAN**  
For the visually stunning cinematic language that evokes emotions and creates an epic atmosphere without following a linear storytelling.
- **HONORARY MENTION SHORT FILM CINEMATOGRAPHY - Auftakt- Director of Photography Nenad Todorovic CYP**  
For the effective and exceptional lighting and movement, compositing artistically two contrasting visual themes: one of death and one of life.
- **BEST DIRECTOR (short film both categories) - Margerita, Alessandro Grande, ITA**  
For the realistic approach, unique visual style and directing skills that were all utilized in creating a solid visual story. For the humanistic cinematic portrayal of ethnic groups and cultural living environment.
- **BEST PRODUCTION in SHORT FILM (both categories) - The Case of Mary Ford, Ben Mole, UK**  
For the high-end, professional production of an unconventional costume drama film. For the production design, make up and sets and the overall production value and atmospheric result.

- **BEST GREEK SHORT FILM** (both categories) -Counting Happiness, Venetia Evripiotou, GRE/IND

For approaching the emotionally moving story of an Indian street boy with a fresh imagery. The film evokes feelings of happiness through a depressive, deteriorating set-up, transmitting effectively a strong message on what is important in life.

- **BEST EXPERIMENTAL SHORT FILM** (both categories) - Life, Lasse Lorenzen, DEN  
For the experimental parallelism of humanity with the animal kingdom in a conventional and cleverly achieved, domestic setup.

- **BEST SHORT ANIMATION FILM** - Zeibettzimmer, Fabian Giessler, GER  
For a visually interesting and technically advanced animation technique utilized to say a warmhearted story about friendship and companionship.

- **BEST MUSIC/ DANCE** (in short film) - Elizabeth, Tori Lawrence, USA  
An ode to dance as a higher form of expression, successfully portraying in a unique, experimental way, man's need to utilize dance in order to express everyday feelings.