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The Accolade Announces Latest Winners!

La Jolla, CA, March 2020 – The awards go to those filmmakers, television producers and videographers who produce fresh, standout entertainment and compelling documentaries. The Accolade is an international awards competition that honors those who demonstrate exceptional achievement in craft and creativity.

~ Best of Show ~

Waging Change – Abby Ginzberg

Abby Ginzberg (USA), Waging Change, Doc Feature – A hard-hitting look at the challenges faced by sub-minimum wage restaurant “tip” workers and the advocates who are fighting to change the system. Featuring two-time Oscar-winner Jane
Fonda, Oscar-nominee Lily Tomlin, Saru Jayaraman (President of One Fair Wage, Author of Forked) and Congressional Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez – who are all working tirelessly for “One Fair Wage” campaign. The doc weaves together the female driven movements that reveal an American workers’ struggle hidden in plain sight – the effort to end the federal tipped minimum wage of $2.13 for restaurant servers and bartenders and the #MeToo movement’s efforts to end sexual harassment. The film shines a spotlight on the challenges faced by restaurant workers by intertwining stories of individuals with shocking facts about the industry. Well-paced, informative and alarming. Deftly directed by Abby Ginzberg (Peabody Award winner and Consulting Producer on Oscar® nominated The Barber of Birmingham), tight and creative editing by Marta Wohl and Jim McSilver with DOP Oscar®-nominee Vicente Franco.

~ Outstanding Achievement ~

Car Keys – David Anderson

David Anderson (United Kingdom), Car Keys, Film Short – Keith has spent so many years caring for his mum, he barely notices himself anymore. He’s got his routine, he’s got his coping mechanism, and he’s just getting by. But Keith isn’t living. And neither is Margaret, his bed-ridden mum. Eating the same packed lunch every day, holding down a desk job at the council, and caring for his dying mum might not be much of a life; but Keith has it worked out. He has, that is, until his car keys go missing. Now Keith’s whole world order slips from under his feet to leave him floundering. Is this the end or just the beginning? A achingly raw portrayal of a modern day carer – with sensitive direction by Anderson, a compassionate script by Amy Rich and honest performances by a talented cast. Stars: veteran actors Robert Daws (Poldark, Sicknote, The Royal), Linda Armstrong (Coronation Street, The Royal, Doctors) and Virginia Stride (Hustle, The Avengers). Produced by BAFTA-nominee Clair Robinson.
Award of Excellence Special Mention

Oliver Goetzl (Germany), Mt. Suswa-Life in a Volcano, Documentary Short – Goetzl brings his exceptional wildlife filmmaking talents to Mt Suswa in Kenya – the only place in the world where baboons roost in caves. A rare and mysterious place – showcasing an abundance of wildlife and previously unseen behaviors. A well-crafted script, exceptional footage, entertaining narration and beautiful cinematography. Aired NDR.

Nir Berger (Israel), Touch, Film Short – A dark comedy in the age of social media. Aggressive, self-conscious teen Adele insults her classmates online until she falls for another internet troll. When he insists to see her photo – she uses one of a pretty girl from Syria instead – sparking an unexpected relationship. A short with many profound layers and important social commentary. Creative direction and convincing performances. Stars Neta Roth.

Lynda Reiss (USA), Lancaster Park, Film Short – A single mother assumes the worst of her daughter. After destroying what she believes to be incriminating evidence she becomes lost in the desert where she learns that not everyone is as they seem. Subtly suspenseful and authentic performances. Written by John Craine. Stars Sara Arrington (Bosch, The Divide), Neil Napier (The Disappearance) Dana Koops (Driver’s Ed).

Olaf Mueller, Deutsche Welle (DW) Redaktion Euromaxx (Germany), Europe to the Maxx, Series – A highly entertaining series following reporter Hendrik Welling to the wildest places in Europe. From enormous aquariums, to alpine bob sleds to the world’s largest cookoo clock – DW showcases it’s creative talents and excellent production values – from subject matter to creative camera shots. Airs on DW TV and internet streaming.

Aparana S Hosing (India), Kaanbhatt, Child / Family Feature – An innocent child lands himself amidst relationship between ancient Indian Vedas & modern science. He is interested in neither but as fate has it, his life will change course when he meets a mysterious sage. Mystical, poignant and relevant to our times. From Rash Productions. Stars Bhavya Shinde, Rugved Mule, Manisha Joshi, Vipin Borhate, Sanjeev Thandel.

Erik Borner (Germany), Silence, Film Feature – A busy man in a coffee shop and an older gentleman at an idyllic lake seem magically linked. An homage to life and what matters most. Lush cinematography and engaging characters. Michael Mendl (Dark), Erik Borner (Lindenstraße), Sandra Fleckenstein (Zweite Zukunft) and Marianne Sägebrecht (Bagdad Café). Bluescreen Entertainment GmbH and Atlas International Film.

David Pichler (Germany), Together we are Brixen, Tourism / Travel – Pichler creates a unique and engaging tourism film to promote the beautiful city of Brixen in the South Tyrolean Alps. A hiker who asks a local gentleman for directions – is greeted with stories of Brixen’s charms and picturesque visuals of all it has to offer. Outstanding technical craft anchors the piece including cinematography, scripting and sound design.

Azita Mougouie (Iran), Mastermind, Film Feature – Iran and Spain have come to an agreement on a project in Hendurabi Island in Iran. A lot of companies and persons are eager to win the bid. And so begins a twisting and turning plot with dynamic characters and various perspectives. Who to trust? Stars Bahram Radan, Merila

Mehmet Tanrisever (Turkey), *Once Upon a Judgment Day*, Film Feature – A storyteller in rural Anatolia loses her husband on a mountain. Hiding his body in a cave she encounters three murderous bandits who want to kill her. She begins to dramatically weave the tales of their lives not knowing if they will ultimately repent – or kill her. Stars Asuman Dabak, Soydan Soydas, Suleyman Kabaali, Tarik Tanrisever, Mehmet Tanrisever.

Shahab Najafi (Iran), *I Won’t be Right Anymore* (Dorost Nemisham), Music Video – A haunting and moody video starring Sirvan Khosravi who is singing about a lost love. But the song parallels his life as the video shows his dreams of the future where he may lose his life. Creative shots and camera work combined with impactful metaphors harmonize with the melancholy notes of the song.

~ Award of Excellence ~

Alan Chriest (USA), *Heartsounds*, Film Short
Alexander Bradley (United Kingdom), *Since Yesterday*, Experimental, Film Short
Anthony von Seck (Canada), *Limbo*, Film Short
Bob Celli (USA), *The Keeper*, Film Short
Christian Uhlig (Norway), *An Arctic Fairy Tale*, Nature / Environment / Wildlife
David Pichler (Germany), *Together we are Brixen*, Direction (David Pichler), Script / Writer (David Pichler), Cinematography (Thomas Wittmann), Editing (Merish Claren)
Dawn Gifford Engle (USA), *The Dalai Lama: Scientist*, Documentary Feature, Women Filmmakers
Ema Kugler (Slovenia), *Man with Shadow*, Women Filmmakers
Emilie Chetty (Australia), *Painting Persiphine*, Film Short
Fabrizio Borni (Italy), *Afterlife people*, Film Short
George Siegal (USA), *The Last House Standing*, Documentary Feature
Hironori Sakurai (Japan), *The Story Beyond a Cup of Sake*, Documentary Feature
Ivana Bozic (Croatia), *Aleksi*, Film Feature
Jan Woletz and Stefan Polasek (Austria), *WIENERLAND*, Television – Pilot Program
Joe Stramowski (USA), *BORROWING*, Film Short
Jonas Stenstrom (USA), *Decoding the Driftless*, Documentary Feature, Nature / Environment / Wildlife
Jonny Caplan (USA), *TechTalk*, Television – Program / Series
Kevin Flannagan (USA), *Love Goes Public*, Christian, Documentary Feature
Lynda Reiss (USA), *Lancaster Park*, Women Filmmakers
Matthew Taylor (USA), *MARCEL DUCHAMP: THE ART OF THE POSSIBLE*, Documentary Feature
Mehmet Tanrisever (Turkey), *STRINGS OF SORROW*, Disability Issues, Film Feature, Islamic
Mehmet Tanrisever (Turkey), *ONCE UPON A JUDGMENT DAY*, Islamic
Michael Hilf (USA), *Smoking Wet*, Actress: Leading (Robin McDonald as Lois Yerdun)
Michele Mellara and Alessandro Rossi (Italy), *Life is Deadly*, Film Feature
Nathan Crane (USA), *Cancer; The Integrative Perspective*, Documentary Feature
Oliver Goetzl (Germany), *MT. SUSWA – LIFE IN A VOLCANO*, Nature / Environment / Wildlife, Cinematography, Direction, Editing, Original Score (MT. SUSWA – LIFE IN A VOLCANO by Jörg Magnus Pfeil and Siggi Mueller)
Phil Comeau (Canada), *BELLE-ILE IN ACADIE*, Documentary Short
Sarah Ann Kennedy Parr (United Kingdom), *British Animation Women Breaking The Mold*, Women Filmmakers
Susan Maughlin Wood (USA), *Coastal Fire: A Common Diary*, Original Score
(Television Suite by *Susan Maughlin Wood*)
Toni Escandell and Jordi Escandell, *Paleàrtica Films (Spain)*, *MENORCA, BIOSPHERE RESERVE*, Nature / Environment / Wildlife
Wilfried Meance and Olivier Ducray (France), *Good Ol’ Bernie*, Film Short
Willa Kammerer (USA), *Starting at Zero: Reimagining Education in America*, Documentary Feature, Educational / Instructional / Training, Women Filmmakers

~ Award of Merit Special Mention ~

Amy Lyndon (USA), *Faking Death*, Film Short
Bob Celli (USA), *The Keeper*, Actor: Leading (Bob Celli as Robert)
Brandon Bjorkman (USA), *Return to Nam*, Documentary Feature, Liberation / Social Justice / Protest
Brian Reynolds (USA), *Origin of a Hero*, Film Short
Christopher W. Graham (USA), *Aida (In Between)*, Asian
Education Bureau (China, Hong Kong), *Heat Transfer Processes*, Educational / Instructional / Training
Education Bureau (China, Hong Kong), *The Story of Clothes*, Educational / Instructional / Training
Flora Cheng (USA), *Solitary*, Music Video
Gerard Corporon (France), *CHEYENNE*, Film Short
Hiromi Takagi (Japan), *Meaning of ‘Gently’ — Grandma had dementia*, Children / Family Programming
Igor Stephen Rados (Canada), *Nursery Rhyme of a Madman*, Film Feature
Jamal Akakpo and Jamal Womble (USA), *Somewhere in the Grey*, African American
Jeff Willy (USA), *Reveal*, LGBT, Television – Pilot Program
Leesa Gazi (United Kingdom), *Rising Silence*, Documentary Feature
Longwei Deng (USA), *Tender is the Kiss*, Film Short
Mai Iskander (USA), *Naked Ambition*, Film Short
Mehmet Tanrisever (Turkey), *STRINGS OF SORROW*, Actor: Leading (Tarik Tanrisever as Mehmet)
Michael Hilf (USA), *Smoking Wet*, Film Short
Paul Mayora and Cristian Saliadarre (Australia), *Devil’s Whisper*, Actor: Leading (Cristian Saliadarre as Adrien)
Sarita Gold (Australia), *My Two Lives*, Creative Responses to the Holocaust, Jewish, Women Filmmakers
Satoshi Takahashi (Japan), *THE PEAK*, Animation
Victor Kaufmann (Denmark), *THE STORY OF A SON*, Film Short

~ Award of Merit ~

Adam Kavanagh (Australia), *God of Hope*, Christian, Documentary Short
Adel Masoumian (Iran), *Elevator*, Film Short
Adèle Thomas (USA), *She*, Women Filmmakers
Amir Jaffer, Prana Pictures (USA), *Choices*, Actor: Leading (Puneet as Altaf Khan), Actress: Leading (Jackie Dallas as Jennifer Park), Film Short
André Szöts (USA), *Grizzly II. Revenge*, Film Feature
Andrew Wall (Canada), *BOOM*, Documentary Short
Andrew Wall (Canada), *Volendam: A Refugee Story*, Documentary Feature
Angelica Cassidy and Ian Paul Cassidy (USA), *Rollercoaster (The Pilot)*,
Television – Pilot Program
Bob Celli (USA), The Keeper, Actress: Leading (Betsy Adkins Johnson as Celeste)
Cameron Barrett, California Fire Prevention Organization (USA), The Fire Triangle, Children / Family Programming, Viewer Impact: Content / Message Delivery
Charlie Boon (USA), CHUMS – A Super 8 Tale, Experimental (Student), Music Video (Student)
Chen Liangyu (Taiwan), 100% Girl, Young Filmmaker – 17 and younger
Chevé Jean Luc, Candela Productions (France), IN NICARAGUA, MY NAME IS CHEPITO! (Au Nicaragua, on m’appelle Chepito !), Liberation / Social Justice / Protest
David Rives (USA), God’s Living Treasures Volume 2 – Animals of Alaska, Documentary Feature

Davide Campagna (Italy), The Equilibrist with the star, Movie Trailer
Diogo Varela Silva (Portugal), Zé Pedro Rock n Roll, Documentary Feature
Doug Nelson (USA), The Student, The survivor, The Shooter & The Sheriff, Documentary Feature
Dr. Ingo Bruchhold (Germany), Aedipar – The Secret of the Forbidden Valley, Children / Family Programming, Nature / Environment / Wildlife
Education Bureau (China, Hong Kong), Magic Power of Water, Children / Family Programming
Efriem Kahsay Quada (Eritrea), The Bad News, Film Short
Elizabeth Usher (Australia), Your Aloha, Music Video
Emilie Chetty (Seychelles), Desert Rose, Film Short
George Carson (United Kingdom), GetMeLovedUp.com, Film Feature
Gina Nemo (USA), DUSTSLICKER, Film Short, Women Filmmakers
Gourabh Mallick and Abhishek Basu (India), DARNIYAAAN – The Space Amidst Love, Music Video (Abhishek Basu – Music Director)
Greta Valenti and Robin Davey (USA), The Unbelievable Plight of Mrs. Wright, Documentary Feature
Howy Bratherton and Pedro Del Battenberg (United Kingdom), The Job, Film Short
Isaak Popkin (USA), Organize For Our Lives, Young Filmmaker – 17 and younger
Isabella Jacqueline (Australia), Darkest Age, Actor: Leading (Bryce Myles Fenwick as Leon), Actor: Supporting (Harrison Green as Sam), Actress: Leading (Susan Stevenson as Melissa), Film Short, Women Filmmakers
SJJa-Ann Wang (USA), ISAAC, Asian, Film Short, Women Filmmakers
Joaquin Ramón Herrera, LeFrancis and Mazet Studios (USA), Pipetown, USA, Documentary Feature
Joe Stramowski (USA), BORROWING, Actress: Leading (Jill DeMonstoy as The Woman / Her)
Joseph Ramos and Thomas Crouser Jr., Tolian Productions (USA), DEADLY PROMISES, Film Feature, Cinematography (Ian Brander and Alex Fahl), Editing (Tony Sylvers/Aglow Cinematics)
Kapil Dev Sharma and Diwás Pant (India), R.O.A.M – Riders On A Motorcycle, Documentary Short
Kel Thompson (USA), The Terrible Adventure, Children / Family Programming
Kelly Galindo (USA), 26 Seconds, Liberation / Social Justice / Protest, Women Filmmakers
LaBrandon Shead and Nicholas George (USA), Something To Fight 4, Film Short
Les Owen (USA), Diversity in the Long Gray Line, Documentary Short, Jewish
Maansi Sengupta, Yantra Pictures (India), Painful Pride, Film Short
Marissa Roer (USA), Magnus, Jewish
Marvin (Toby) Yarbrough and Andrew Latuo (USA), The Quiet Healing, Disability
Issues, Documentary Feature

**Matheus Moura (Brazil)**, * Ditadura Roxa (Purple Dictatorship)*, Experimental

**Michael Helf (USA)**, *Smoking Wet*, Direction, Script / Writer

**Milad Davari Dolat Abadi (Iran)**, *The Last Survivor*, Film Short

**Mohsen Emamimour (USA)**, *through the breeze*, Film Short

**Nico Mastorakis (Greece)**, *ALIMOS, GREEK RIVIERA’S BLUE DIAMOND*, Documentary Short

**Niklas Goslar (Germany)**, *Mother of Tibetans*, Documentary Feature

**Patrick Baucelin (Martinique)**, *Long Ago in the Caribbean*, Documentary Feature

**Petra Zoepnek (Austria)**, *Where is Lotte?*, Experimental

**Phinehas Yoon (USA)**, *Sound of Desperation*, Asian (Student)

**Rachael James, The University of Melbourne, with Deakin, and the OCSC (Australia)**, *A Story of Cybersecurity and IP Theft- part A*, Women Filmmakers

**Rajeev Thottipully (United Arab Emirates)**, *The Other Side – Mountain climber, Disability Issues*

**Rajeev Thottipully (United Arab Emirates)**, *The Other Side: BasketBall Coach*, Asian

**Rich West (USA)**, *Suspicious Densities*, Film Short

**Robert Williams (USA)**, *LifeSaver: The SLO Noor Foundation Story*, Documentary Short, Liberation / Social Justice / Protest

**Samantha Casella (Italy)**, *To A God Unknown*, Film Short, Women Filmmakers

**Sarita Gold (Australia)**, *My Two Lives, Creative Responses to the Holocaust*, Documentary Short

**Seng 2 KX and Andrew DeHaven (USA)**, *Kahdiak’s Kitchen: Episode 2 – Rigatoni & Meatballs*, Web Series

**Sergi Arnau (Spain)**, *Lone Wolves*, Film Feature

**Seth Kozak and Damian Vieleux (USA)**, *Rendezvous*, Film Short

**Shahranoo Sadat (USA)**, *The Orphanage*, Film Feature

**Susan Maughlin Wood (USA)**, *Coastal Fire: A Common Diary*, Liberation / Social Justice / Protest, Women Filmmakers

**Tamara Stepanian (Russia)**, *The Station*, Film Short

**Toko Ryu (USA)**, *The Box*, Young Filmmaker – 17 and younger

**Tom Seymour (USA)**, *VHS Massacre Too*, Documentary Feature

**Tony Paganelli (Italy)**, *Zenobia*, Film Feature

**Xinhui Ma (USA)**, *Fila’ Void*, Animation (Student)

**Yu Hao Ting, Deep Waters Digital Support INC (Taiwan)**, *The foresight technology that changes lives*, Documentary Short, Educational / Instructional / Training

~ Award of Recognition ~

**Andres Ramirez, New York University (NYU) (USA)**, From Charlie, with Love, Experimental (Student), Film Short (Student), Direction (Student) (Andres Ramirez), Original Score (Student) (Charlie’s World composed by Sawyer Adler)

**Andy Magro (Germany)**, Beyond the limits of insanity, Actor: Leading (Andy Magro as Psychopath)

**Angelea Bonet (Australia)**, *Angela: Light At The End Of The Tunnel*, Liberation / Social Justice / Protest

**Bikash Mohanty (India)**, *God made Mothers because*, Children / Family Programming, Music Video

**Conor Hibbler (USA)**, *Attorneys With Swag*, Web Series

**Davin Simms (USA)**, *Bombay Beach 2019*, Documentary Short (Student)

**Department of Media, Journalism & Film, Missouri State University (USA)**, *Show-Me Chefs, Season 4, Ep 5: It’s Alive-R*, Reality Programming, College / University / Government

**Don Tjernagel (USA)**, *The Moving On Phase*, Actress: Leading (Piper Freestone as
Dr. Ingo Bruchhold (Germany), Berlin Bernauer Straße – Time Travel, Documentary Short
Dr. Ingo Bruchhold (Germany), Aedipar – The Secret of the Forbidden Valley, Animation
Dušan Davidov (Slovakia), Idiot, Animation
Elizabeth Usher (Australia), A Kinder Shade of Green, Liberation / Social Justice / Protest, Music Video
Frank “Albert” Vazquez (USA), Love Takes Time, Actress: Leading (Lisa Christine Holmberg as Kim)
Gateway Films Group (India), IRUMBU, Film Feature
Grant S. Anderson and Neo Wagner (USA), “It Had to be You.”, Film Short (Student)
Hajee Moradi (Iran), Incidents, Experimental
Homa Bazrafshan (Iran), Homa and Sisters, Film Feature
Joseph Ramos and Thomas Crouser Jr., Tolian Productions (USA), DEADLY PROMISES, Actor: Leading (Julian Crouser as Dillon), Actor: Supporting (MJ Wolfe as Uncle Max), Actress: Supporting (Isabella Salazar as Megan), Actor: Supporting (Braeden Wilson as Travis)
Kevin R. Smith, M.D., Anna Giron and Nolen Davis (USA), Migraines, The Imposter, African American, Documentary Short
Kevin Veatch (USA), The Little Witch Interview, Commercial / Infomercial
Ludi Askins (USA), Aberdeen Covenant, Christian
Mario Imparato (Italy), Subliminal, Film Short
Max R. Zabell (USA), Unearth, Film Short (Student)
Miguel Angel Castillo García (Spain), PRACTICES WITHOUT RETURN, Actress: Supporting (Maria Del Mar García Rubira as Periodista del Periódico Natural)
Mirabas Khosravinezhad (Iran), Azadeh, Film Short
Mowgli (USA), All Of Me, Music Video
Muck Sticky and Linda Kaye Lowery (USA), Mysterious Events: Crazy As A Loon, Film Short
Patrick Neff (USA), Pajama Party Work Night, Film Short
Paul Fletcher Dual National (United Kingdom/Australia), Merry Crocmas, Music Video
Philippe Talavera (Namibia), Kukuri, Film Short
Ricardo Catalan Jr (Philippines), KARMA the Movie, Film Feature
Rich West (USA), Spanish Lesson, Film Short, Latin / Hispanic
Rich West (USA), The Last Paperboy, Film Short
Rich West (USA), Heroes’ Honeymoon, Film Short
Robert Fritz (USA), Reality Therapy, Actress: Leading (Natalie Neilson as Tracy), Actress: Leading (Sara Vitale as Jessie), Actress: Leading (Susan O’Hara as Fran), Actress: Supporting (Marybeth Paul as Barbara), Film Feature
Rodney Roldan (USA), Remembering Private Quagliano, Educational / Instructional / Training
Seerkatchi Packil Pandian Bhaskaran (India), Insha Allah, Islamic
Seth Hilami (USA), The Hunt, Web / Internet Programming
Shayan Naghibi (Iran), My Birthday, Film Short
Shihyun Wang (USA), Richard Nixon, History / Biographical
Shihyun Wang (USA), Win the Invisible War – Coronavirus, Documentary Short
Vatsal Patel (USA), Cancer, Television – Program / Series, Actor: Leading (Vatsal Patel as Victor Fuego)
Wang Wei-Ming (Taiwan), PRAJNA PARAMITA 360 °, Experimental
Yu Hao Ting, Deep Waters Digital Support INC (Taiwan), The Foresight Technology that Changes Lives, Script / Writer, Original Song (seen), Direction
Yu Hao Ting, Deep Waters Digital Support INC (Taiwan), The Change in Education, Documentary Short, Educational / Instructional / Training, Original Score (Pasibutbut)