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CHELSEA FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES ITS 2013 AWARDS

Chelsea, NY - Chelsea Film Festival (CFF) announced on Sunday, October 27th the Grand Prix Award and other special awards at the 2013 CFF Award Ceremony, hosted by Paul Calderon in Chelsea, NY.

Ingrid Jean-Baptiste, Director of the Chelsea Film Festival said: "The films selected for the First Edition truly reflect the vision of the Chelsea Film Festival on how to Make the World a Better Place. We congratulate and thank all the independent filmmakers who shared their stories with us, and we look forward to continuing to support them."

The 2013 Chelsea Film Festival Awards presented on Sunday, October 27th were:

The **Grand Prix Award: Dramatic**, was presented by Paul Calderon to **Licks/USA** (Director: Jonathan Singer-Vine) - 'LICKS' follows the story of a young man, D, as he returns to his Oakland neighborhood after two years served in prison for a botched robbery. In the days after his release, we are taken into D's world and follow him as he decides what direction he wants to take his life after being locked up.

The **Best Screenplay Award: Dramatic**, was presented by Elizabeth Kemp to **Halima's Path/Bosnia** (Screenwriter: Fedja Iovic) - In order to recover the body of her son lost during the war in Bosnia, a grieving, but strong-willed Muslim woman, Halima, must track down her estranged niece, who we find carries a mysterious connection to him.

The **Best Actress Award** was presented by Paul Calderon to Alma Prica in Halima's Path directed by Arsen Ostojic.

The **Best Supporting Award** was presented by Paul Calderon to Olga Pakalovic in Halima's Path directed by Arsen Ostojic.

The **Best Actor Award** was presented by Elizabeth Kemp to Stanley Doe Hunt in Licks directed by Jonathan Singer-Vine.

The **Best Supporting Actor Award** was presented by Elizabeth Kemp to:

- Devon Libran & Koran Streets in Licks.

The **Best Director Award** was presented by Paul Calderon to:

- Jonathan Singer-Vine & Vianney Lebasque

The 2013 Chelsea Film Festival First Edition presented: 9 feature length-films and 8 short films, representing 13 countries and 17 first-time filmmakers (including 7 in competition). These films were selected from a record of 313 submissions, including 53 feature-length and 260 short films. 15 films at the Festival were New York premieres, 1 world premiere, and 8 US premieres.

Our Mission:

Chelsea Film Festival is a non-profit cultural organization. CFF is an international film festival, enlightening the work of emerging filmmakers, producers and actors. It offers a wide range of films, such as shorts, documentaries and feature-lengths. It empowers the work of risk-taking storytellers and remains committed to its mission to discover and develop independent artists and audiences around the world.

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