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T&T high on film as local filmmakers sweep People's Choice Awards

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ENTERTAINMENT



Group shot of the ttff/17 Awardees, with Cindy-Ann Gatt, Director of Marketing, Flow: from L - R Maya Cozier - director of Short Drop, Shari Petti - director of Surf Hair, Di-Andre Caprice Davis - director of Chaotic Beauty, Georgia Popplewell and Karin Martinez (Scattered), Cindy-Ann Gatt - Director of Marketing at Flow, Lesley-Anne MacFarlane (Scattered), Oliver Milne - director of Salty Dog, Kirk Bhajan - winner of Best Future Critic Prize, Michael Mooledhar, director Green Days by the River

Trinidad and Tobago films dominated the People's Choice Awards at the trinidad+tobago film festival Awards Ceremony on Tuesday,



Each received a TT\$5,000 cash prize sponsored by Flow.

It was a great night for *Green Days by the River* as it also picked up the Jury Award for Best TT Feature Film, with a cash prize of TT\$10,000 sponsored by the Ministry of Community Development, Culture, and the Arts.

Another local film getting the Jury's nod was Maya Cozier's *Short Drop* - for Best T&T Short, with a cash prize of TT\$5,000 sponsored by the Ministry of Community Development, Culture, and the Arts. *Scattered* by Georgia Popplewell and Karen Martinez won Best T+T Film in Development with a cash prize of TT\$10,000. This BPTT sponsored Award seeks to support the completion of a local feature film currently in pre-production, which is to be made in this country by a TT resident or national.

Following a week of what Master of Ceremonies, Golda Lee Bruce, described as "an amazing outpouring of love, enthusiasm, and appreciation for Caribbean film," the twelfth annual trinidad+tobago film festival was brought to a close with a lively performance from Freetown Collective that had members of the audience dancing in the aisles.

The full list of Awards and Awardees is as follows:

Jury Prizes

Jury prizes are determined by a panel of regional and international filmmakers and film professionals who view and adjudicate on the films in competition. These were their selections:

BEST FEATURE FILM–NARRATIVE

TT\$10,000 / Sponsored by FLOW

El Techo (On the Roof) by Patricia Ramos, Cuba - WINNER



Jeffrey by Yanillys Perez, Dominican Republic - WINNER

BEST SHORT FILM

TT\$5,000 / Sponsored by FLOW

Féfé Limbe by Julien Silloray, Guadeloupe - WINNER

BEST TRINIDAD & TOBAGO FEATURE FILM

TT\$10,00 / Sponsored by the Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts

Green Days by the River by Michael Mooleedhar - WINNER

BEST TRINIDAD & TOBAGO SHORT FILM

TT\$5,000 / Sponsored by the Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts

Short Drop by Maya Cozier - WINNER

BEST FILM AS DECIDED BY A YOUTH JURY

TT\$5,000 / Sponsored by RBC Royal Bank

El Techo by Patricia Ramos, Cuba - WINNER

Special Awards

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS PRIZE

TT\$5,000



TT\$5,000 / Sponsored by trinidad+tobago film festival

Chaotic Beauty by Di-Andre Caprice Davis, Jamaica - WINNER

BEST T+T FILM IN DEVELOPMENT

TT\$10,000 each / Sponsored by BP Trinidad and Tobago

Scattered by Karen Martinez and Georgia Popplewell - WINNER

FUTURE CRITICS PRIZE

TT\$5,000 / Sponsored by RBC Royal Bank

Kirk Bhajan - WINNER

People's Choice Awards

TT\$5,000 each / Sponsored by Flow

BEST FEATURE FILM- NARRATIVE

Green Days by the River, by Michael Mooleedhar, Trinidad and Tobago

BEST FEATURE FILM- DOCUMENTARY:

Sorf Hair by Shari Petti, Trinidad and Tobago

BEST SHORT FILM:

Salty Dog by Oliver Milne, Trinidad and Tobago