



**THE URBANWORLD® FILM FESTIVAL  
PRESENTED BY REVOLT WITH FOUNDING SPONSOR HBO  
ANNOUNCES 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL WINNERS**

**Awards ceremony hosted by Malcolm. D. Lee, Ava DuVernay presented Audience Awards**

NEW YORK, NY (September 25, 2016) – The 20th Annual Urbanworld® Film Festival ([urbanworld.org](http://urbanworld.org)), presented by REVOLT with founding sponsor HBO, announced the awards for the screenplay, documentary, feature, narrative short, narrative feature (U.S. and World) and audience categories and the three REVOLT Young Filmmaker finalists today. The nation’s largest competitive multicultural film festival screened 65 films and hosted numerous digital, music and spotlight events before it concluded its five day festival with an awards brunch hosted by director Malcolm D. Lee (*Best Man Holiday*, *Barbershop: The Next Cut*) at Tribeca Grill Loft in New York’s Tribeca area. Festival ambassador and filmmaker Ava DuVernay (*Selma*, “Queen Sugar”) presented the Audience Awards to the winners.

**The 20th Annual Urbanworld® Film Festival winners are:**

**Best Feature Documentary** – *Daddy Don’t Go* – Directed by Emily Abt

<http://www.urbanworld.org/2016/daddy-dont-go>

(Presented by HBO - \$5,000 Prize)

**The Jury:**

Dori Begley, Co-Executive Vice President, Magnolia Pictures

Jacqueline Glover, SVP, HBO Documentary Films

Angela Northington, SVP, Content Acquisitions, RLJ Entertainment & Urban Movie Channel

Jason Samuels, Senior Consultant, News & Docs, BET Networks and Associate Professor, NYU

**Best Narrative Short** - *Balcony* - Directed by Toby Fell-Holden

<http://www.urbanworld.org/2016/balcony>

(Presented by Time Warner - \$5,000 Prize)

**The Jury:**

Poppy Hanks, SVP, Development & Production, MACRO

Tamir Muhammad, Director, Content & Artist Development, Time Warner Inc.

Maria Zuckerman, SVP, HBO Films

**Best Narrative Feature (U.S. Cinema)** - *Destined* - Directed by Qasim Basir

<http://www.urbanworld.org/2016/destined>

(Presented by Fox Audience Strategy - \$5,000 Prize)

**The Jury:**

Korin D. Huggins, Head of Television, Will Packer Productions

Tilane Jones, Director, Executive Director, ARRAY  
Gina Reyes, Director, Fox Audience Strategy

**Best Narrative Feature (World Cinema)** – *La Granja* - Directed by Angel Manuel Soto

<http://www.urbanworld.org/2016/la-granja>

Honorable Mention: *Dar Noir* – Directed by Hamadi Mwapachu

<http://www.urbanworld.org/2016/dar-noir>

**The Jury:**

Lisa Cortes, CEO, Cortes Films

Lisa E. Davis, Partner, Entertainment Group, Frankfurt Kurnit Klein+Selz

Felicia Pride, Director of Independent Film, Tugg

**Best Screenplay** – *Fried Catfish* -- Written by Inda Craig-Galván

<http://www.urbanworld.org/screenplays>

(Presented by BET Networks - \$5,000 Prize)

**The Jury:**

Zola Mashariki, EVP & Head of Original Programming, BET Networks

Robi Reed, VP, Talent and Casting, Original Programming, BET Networks

Jeremy Pikser, VP, Writer's Guild of America East and Award-Winning Writer

**Audience Awards**

**Best Feature** – *Lucky* – Directed by Bari Kang

<http://www.urbanworld.org/2016/lucky>

**Best Short** - *Samaria* - Directed by Kiel Adrian Scott

<http://www.urbanworld.org/2016/samaria>

**Young Filmmaker Finalists**

(Presented by REVOLT – All expense paid trip to REVOLT Music Conference, October 13-16 in Miami where the winner will be announced.)

*AmeriKKKa* – Directed by Sheila Wilson

<http://www.urbanworld.org/2016/amerikkka>

*Madaran* – Directed by Rayka Zehtabchi

<http://www.urbanworld.org/2016/madaran>

*Loved Like This* – Directed by Christopher Lewis Dawkins

<http://www.urbanworld.org/2016/loved-like-this>

**The Jury:**

Andre Harrell, Vice Chairman, REVOLT

Sarah Snedeker, SVP, Production & Development, REVOLT FILMS

Bille Woodruff, Film & TV Director

REVOLT is the presenting partner of the 2016 Urbanworld Film Festival. Along with founding partner HBO, key supporters include prestige partner BET Networks, premiere partners Comcast NBCUniversal, Africa Creative Agency, Fox Audience Strategy and Time Warner. Industry partner supporters are AMC Independent, Directors Guild of America, MoviePass, Urban Movie Channel and Writers Guild of America East. Essence,

The NYC Mayor's Office of Media & Entertainment / Made in NY, Power 105.1, Village Voice, Amsterdam News, Uptown Magazine and WNYC are the media partners for Urbanworld.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Urbanworld® Film Festival will be in New York in September 2017.

### **ABOUT URBANWORLD FILM FESTIVAL**

Urbanworld Film Festival was launched in August 1997 by founder Stacy Spikes, a former executive at Miramax and October Films. With estimated attendance reaching over 15,000, the five-day festival includes the anchor film component with narrative features, documentaries, short films, spotlight screenings and live staged screenplay readings; the Urbanworld Digital track focused on digital panels and workshops; and Urbanworld Music franchise, which highlights emerging talent in live performances during festival events. Over the last 19 years, Hollywood studios, indie film distributors and established and emerging filmmakers have consistently chosen Urbanworld to premiere box office and award-winning hits. The Urbanworld Film Festival is an initiative of the Urbanworld Foundation Inc. Gabrielle Glore serves as Festival Director & Head of Programming. The organization's website is [www.urbanworld.org](http://www.urbanworld.org).

### **ABOUT REVOLT TV**

REVOLT is the #1 name in music. Focused on expertly curating the best of the best in music and engaging youth in social conversation, the multi-genre, multi-platform network offers breaking music news, videos, artist interviews, exclusive performances, and original programming. Attracting over 50 million young adults through television, digital properties, social and mobile, REVOLT is accessible 24/7 – anytime, anywhere, any screen and is available nationally on DIRECTV, AT&T U-verse TV, Time Warner Cable, Comcast, Verizon FiOS, CenturyLink Prism TV and Suddenlink, as well as OTT platforms fuboTV, KlowdTV, and FilmOn. REVOLT is also available internationally in the Bahamas on Cable Bahamas, the Cayman Islands on Westel, in Jamaica on Digicel, and in Trinidad on Digicel and Massy Communications. For more information, visit <https://revolt.tv>.

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