

DOCUMENTARIES ARE THE MOST ANTICIPATED FILMS OF THE 18th MIFF AWARDS

***Roll With Me* and 16-awards winner *Skid Row Marathon* are both nominated to 4 Leonardo's Horses; followed by *Invisible Hands*, a documentary about child labour produced by Academy Award winner Charles Ferguson. Among the other nominees to the Leonardesque statuette, 2016 Best Movie winner Paula van de Oest, 2009 three-time winner Erica Dunton and Joel Bissonnette. Among Italian movies, *Mare di Grano* starring Ornella Muti, and *Respiri* starring Alessio Boni. In the short films category, *The Tale Of Four*, first directing experience for Academy Award nominee Gabourey Sidibe.**

In its 18th year MIFF Awards announce the nominations for Leonardo Da Vinci's Horse, an international award-festival where only the winners have the privilege of being screened to the public. Among 48 titles, including films, documentaries and short films from 20 countries, Leonardo Da Vinci Film Society will present the nominees to the Leonardesque statuette for Cinema and will announce the winners, who will attend the mid-May press conference at the Anteo Cinema.

Docu-films are favoured at this MIFF Awards edition: *Roll With Me*, an intense story by Gabriel Cordell, the first disabled to cross the United States on a "Coast to Coast" trip with a standard wheelchair; *Skid Row Marathon*, 16-awards-winner at 11 American festivals, *Invisible Hands*, an important report about child labour produced by Charles Ferguson, Academy Award winner in 2010 for *Inside Job*.

Some of the nominees are: for Best Male Acting Performance, Argentine star Jorge Marrale in *Maracaibo*, a dramatic story focused on a father-son relationship; for Best Director, 2016-Best Director and Best Movie (*Accused*) winner Paula van de Oest, with her film *Younger Days* starring 2016-Best Female Acting Performance winner and 2018-Best Supporting Actress nominee Ariane Schlute; for Best Screenwriting, 3-Leonardo's Horses winner Erica Dunton (Best Movie, Best Directing and Best Screenplay with her film *The 27 Club* in 2009); among Italians, *Mare di Grano* starring Ornella Muti and Sebastiano Somma in the role of a not-so-ordinary storyteller; *Respiri* starring Alessio Boni and *Stato di ebbrezza*, true story of comedian Maria Rossi's battle with alcohol addiction.

Among the short films, *The Tale of Four* by Precious Academy Award nominee Gabourey Sidibe, first-time director who explores four female stories; and *Magic Alps*, with former comedian Giovanni Storti in a dramatic role as an inspector for immigration control.

The winning films will be screened to the public in preview, and awarded with the statuette, every Wednesday from May 23rd to June 13th at the Anteo Cinema.

I film vincitori verranno proiettati per il pubblico in anteprima, e premiati con la statuetta, ogni mercoledì dal 23 maggio al 13 giugno, all'Anteo Palazzo del Cinema.

[Tutte le candidature sono consultabili sul sito www.miffawards.it](http://www.miffawards.it)

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MIFF AWARDS 2018 - NOMINATIONS SORTED BY CATEGORY

• BEST DIRECTING

Somewhere in Tonga

Florian Schewe

Younger Days

Paula van de Oest

Maracaibo

Miguel Angel Rocca

To Let

Chezhiyan Ra

The Forest

Roman Zhigalov

The Best Of All Worlds

Adrian Goiginger

• BEST MALE ACTING PERFORMANCE

Somewhere in Tonga

Sascha Alexander Gersak

The Best Of All Worlds

Jeremy Miliker

Benzine

Ali Yahyaoui

Maracaibo

Jorge Marrale

To Let

Santhosh Sreeram

Desert Shores

Joel Bissonnette

• BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY

The Best Of All Worlds

Yoshi Heimrath, Paul Sprintz

Maracaibo

Sebastian Gallo

Younger Days

Guido van Gennepe

Emma

Adrian Lorenzo

To Let

Chezhiyan Ra

The Age of Imitation

Charles Alexander

• BEST EDITING (DOCU&MOVIES)

Somewhere in Tonga

Till Ufer

Younger Days

Eline Bakker

Skid Row Marathon

Tchavdar Georgiev

Say Her Name

Kate Davis, David Heilbroner

Roll With Me

Jeff Buccellato

My Tourette's

Alessandro Molatore

• BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

Somewhere in Tonga

Luis Pintsch

The Forest

Oleg Feoktistov

Maracaibo

Nicolas Francella

The Best Of All Worlds

Lukas Miko

Younger Days

Steeff Cuijpers

To Let

Dharun

• BEST ITALIAN MOVIE

Respiri

Stato Di Ebrezza

Oltre La Nebbia - Il Mistero Di Rainer Merz

Mare di Grano

• BEST SCREENWRITING

Somewhere in Tonga

Sarah Schill

Younger Days

Rifka Lodeizen, Paula van de Oest

Maracaibo

Maximiliano Gonzalez, Miguel Angel Rocca

To Let

Chezhiyan Ra

The Best Of All Worlds

Adrian Goiginger

Abigail Falls

Erica Dunton

• BEST FEMALE ACTING PERFORMANCE

Benzine

Sondos Belhassen

Emma

Sofia Rangone

The Forest

Natalya Rychkova

The Best Of All Worlds

Verena Altenberger

The Age of Imitation

Tanya Alers

The Gift of Love

Somin Kim

• BEST PRODUCTION DESIGN

The iron Orchard

Mars Feehry

The Best Of All Worlds

Veronika Merlin

The Forest

Vitaly Trofimov

The Portrait

Francois Debacker

To Let

Chezhiyan Ra

Maracaibo

German Garrido

• BEST MUSIC (DOCU.&MOVIES)

Somewhere in Tonga

Daniel Dickmeis

Skid Row Marathon

Kim Planert

The Iron Orchard

Duncan Thum

Roll With Me

Dean Parker

Letter From Masanjia

Michael Richard Plowman

The Age of Imitation

Mark Day, Stefan Miranda, Theo Francis, Mike Day

• BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Abigail Falls

Gala Gordon

Maracaibo

Mercedes Moran

The Forest

Maria Avramkova

Younger Days

Ariane Schluter

Desert Shores

Keylor Leigh

Younger Days

Hannah Hoekstra

• MIGLIOR FILM

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MIFF AWARDS 2018 - FILMS with nominations

FEATURE FILMS

(all films are nominated for Best Movie, voted among the winners directly by the public)

- 1. Younger Days** – 8 nominations (**Netherlands**) Italian Premiere
Best Film; Best Directing; Best Screenwriting; Best Cinematography; Best Editing; Best Supporting Actor; Best Supporting Actress; Best Supporting Actress.
- 2. The Best of All Worlds** - 8 nominations (**Austria**) Italian Premiere
Best Film; Best Directing; Best Screenwriting; Best Acting Performance Male; Best Acting Performance Female; Best Cinematography; Best Production Design; Best Supporting Actor.
- 3. Maracaibo** – 8 nominations (**Argentina**) Milan Premiere
Best Film; Best Directing; Best Screenwriting; Best Acting Performance Male; Best Cinematography; Best Production Design; Best Supporting Actor; Best Supporting Actress.
- 4. Somewhere in Tonga** – 7 nominations (**Germany**) Italian Premiere
Best Film; Best Directing; Best Screenwriting; Best Acting Performance Male; Best Editing; Best Music; Best Supporting Actor.
- 5. To Let** – 7 nominations (**India**) European Premiere
Best Film; Best Directing; Best Screenwriting; Best Acting Performance Male; Best Cinematography; Best Production Design; Best Supporting Actor.
- 6. The Forest** – 6 nominations (**Russia**) Italian Premiere
Best Film; Best Directing; Best Acting Performance Female; Best Production Design; Best Supporting Actor; Best Supporting Actress.
- 7. The Age of Imitation** - 4 nominations (**Australia**) Italian Premiere
Best Film; Best Cinematography; Best Acting Performance Female; Best Music.
- 8. Abigail Falls** – 3 nominations (**Usa**) European Premiere
Best Film; Best Screenwriting; Best Supporting Actress.
- 9. Emma** – 3 Nominations (**Argentina**) Italian Premiere
Best Film; Best Cinematography; Best Acting Performance Female.
- 10. Desert Shores** – 3 nominations (**USA**) Italian Premiere
Best Film; Best Acting Performance Male; Best Supporting Actress.
- 11. The Iron Orchard** - 3 nominations (**USA**) European Premiere
Best Film; Best Production Design; Best Music.
- 12. Benzine** - 3 nominations (**Tunisia**) Italian Premiere
Best Film; Best Acting Performance Male; Best Acting Performance Female.
- 13. The Gift of Love** - 2 nominations (**South Korea**) European Premiere
Best Film; Best Acting Performance Female.
- 14. The Portrait** - 2 nominations (**France**) Italian Premiere
Best Film; Best Production Design.
- 15. Respiri** - 2 Nominations (**Italy**) Italian Premiere
Best Film; Best Italian Language Film
- 16. Stato di Ebrezza** - 2 Nominations (**Italy**) Italian Premiere
Best Film; Best Italian Language Film
- 17. Oltre La Nebbia - Il Mistero di Rainer Merz** - 2 Nominations (**Italy**) Milan Premiere
Best Film; Best Italian Language Film
- 18. Mare di Grano** - 2 Nominations (**Italy**) Milan Premiere
Best Film; Best Italian Language Film

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DOCUMENTARIES

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- 1. Roll With Me** – 4 nominations **(USA)** European Premiere
Best Film; Best Documentary; Best Editing; Best Music.
- 2. Skid Row Marathon** – 4 nominations **(USA)** European Premiere
Best Film; Best Documentary; Best Editing; Best Music.
- 3. Letter From Masanjia** - 3 nominations **(Canada)** European Premiere
Best Film; Best Documentary; Best Music
- 4. My Tourette's** – 3 nominations **(USA)** European Premiere
Best Film; Best Documentary; Best Editing.
- 5. Say Her Name** - 3 nominations **(USA)** European Premiere
Best Film; Best Documentary; Best Editing.
- 6. Soufra** – 2 nominations **(USA)** Milan Premiere
Best Film; Best Documentary.
- 7. The Things We Keep** - 2 nominations **(France)** Worldwide Premiere
Best Film; Best Documentary.
- 8. The Push** – 2 nominations **(USA)** European Premiere
Best Film; Best Documentary.
- 9. Invisible Hands** – 2 nominations **(USA)** Worldwide Premiere
Best Film; Best Documentary
- 10. Laddie: The Man Behind The Movies** – 2 nominations **(USA)** European Premiere
Best Film; Best Documentary

SHORT FILMS

Italian short films:

L'Albero Rosso (Italy-Ireland) - Eyes (Italy) - Vacanze Separate (Italy) - Il Padre Di Mia Figlia (Italy) - Magic Alps (Italy) - It's a Shame (Italy)

International short films 0-15min:

Sans Dire Au Revoir (France) - The Sleeper (Czech Republic) - Fils (France) - Mom's Recipe (China) - Voice (Japan) - Le Cadeau (France-Luxemburg) - Help (Spagna)

International short films 15-30min:

IoX (Germany) - He Said "Mommy" (Russia) - Save Me (South Korea) - Un Regard Dans La Nuit (France) - Cubeman (Hungary) - The Servant (France-Lebanon) - The Tale of Four (USA)

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