MONTCLEAN FILM

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MONTCLEAN FILM ANNOUNCES 2019 MONTCLEAN FILM FESTIVAL EMERGING FILMMAKER COMPETITION & JUNIOR JURY PARTICIPANTS

May 1, 2019, MONTCLAIR, NJ – Montclair Film today announced the full list of participants and films for the 2019 Montclair Film Festival’s Emerging Filmmaker Competition and Junior Jury programs.

The Emerging Filmmaker Competition, co-presented by Gelotti, celebrates the work of filmmakers from our region in two filmmaking sections, Storytellers (Grades 6-8) and Visionaries (Grades 9-12). These films represent a wide range of styles and voices that showcase the diverse talents of young people who are using cinema to tell their stories. Categories include narrative, comedy, documentary, experimental and social impact films. Awards will be given in each of these categories. The screening of the winning films takes place on Saturday, May 11 at The Wellmont at 11:00 am and tickets are on sale to the public, with all ages are welcome to celebrate these outstanding films. At the screening, Gelotti is sponsoring a new award for the Sweetest Film, and will provide EFC attendees the opportunity visit the Gelotti store for one free junior size scoop of ice cream or Italian Ice.

This year’s judges are Evan Baily, Margaret Bodde, Evan Cutler, Amy Friedman, Mark Fitzmartin, JoAnn McCullough, and Ellin Baumel. The full list of participating films and filmmakers is attached to this release.

The 2019 Junior Jury program announced participating student jurors. Jurors, selected from a pool of applicants in grades 10-12, will meet industry professionals and will learn how to analyze and adjudicate films. After deliberating and selecting the best film in its category, the jurors will present the Junior Jury Award as part of the Montclair Film Festival’s Award Ceremony on Saturday, May 11.

This year’s jurors are Jack Abramson (Columbia High School), Charlie Baker (Columbia High School), Lola Coleman (Montclair Kimberly Academy), Makayla Clarke (Immaculate Conception High School) Sophie Collins (Glen Ridge High School), Robert DiGenova (Middletown High School South), Jack DiLorenzo (Montclair Kimberly Academy), Lucas Fell (Montclair High School), Stella Guzik (Montclair High School), George Osterberg (Montclair High School).
School, Chandler Otterbein (Glen Ridge High School), Ryan Rivera (West Orange High School).

“We’re so excited to honor these wonderful emerging filmmakers at our Red Carpet Ceremony, and we invite everyone to join the celebration as we screen the winning films at the Wellmont Theater on Saturday, May 11th,” said Montclair Film Education Director Sue Hollenberg. “We are also looking forward to welcoming our 2019 Junior Jury, who will have the opportunity to screen and analyze a series of films throughout the festival, and award the Junior Jury Award to the film they select.”

In addition, Montclair Film, in partnership with The Montclair Cooperative School, Partners for Health, and The Montclair Bounce Festival, have launched a Compassion Campaign as part of their annual Spotlight program. Local middle and high school students will attend specially selected films that reflect kindness, empathy and tolerance, followed by a conversation with filmmakers and guest speakers.

“Throughout the month of May, students and community members are encouraged to "Take the Kindness Challenge!" by posting acts of kindness performed or experienced to #MFKindnessChallenge. Kindness posts will be incorporated into a public art installation at the Montclair Film Festival,” said Hollenberg. “Together, we can show the world that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference!”

Please contact Montclair Film Education Director Sue Hollenberg with questions at sue@montclairfilm.org

ABOUT MONTCLAIR FILM
Montclair Film is a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization that engages, entertains, and educates through the power of visual storytelling. The eighth annual Montclair Film Festival will take place from May 3-12, 2019. Montclair Film’s year-round and festival programming is made possible through generous support from Investors Bank; Audible; Hackensack Meridian Health, Mountainside Medical Center; the Horizon Foundation for New Jersey; The Bravitas Group; Ashenfelter, Slous, Trembulak, McDonough, Golia & Trevenen, LLP; Chubb; Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage; William H. Connolly & Co.; The Nature Conservancy, RBC Wealth Management, and others. Our programs are made possible by funds from the New Jersey Department of State, Division of Travel and Tourism, as well as the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for
2019 Emerging Filmmaker Competition

Storytellers: Grades 6 – 8

Grand Prize - Social Impact
Glitch
Elias Lewin
Glenfield Middle School

Grand Prize - Narrative
Baking for Zombies
Lucy Osterberg
Renaissance at Rand Middle School

Grand Prize - Documentary
South End Going South
Jacob Frye
Glenfield Middle School

Visionaries: Grades 9 – 12

Grand Prize – Comedy
Gelotti Sweetest Film Award
Clown
Keeley Giblin, Mitchell Hahn, Julia Malek, Steph Tregillies
Middletown High School South

Special Jury Prize - Comedy (tie)
The Gum Run
Isaac Center, Sam Cohen, Samuel Koranteng, Carter Núñez
Columbia High School

Special Jury Prize - Comedy (tie)
Click
Kylee Strasser
Morristown High School

Grand Prize – Documentary
The Gender Bias
Tiara Dixon
Passaic County Technical Institute

Grand Prize – Experimental and VFX
The Last
Evan Covington
Bloomfield High School

Special Jury Prize - Experimental (Tie)
Rose of Jericho
Keeley Giblin, Toria Pater, Courtney Voehl
Middletown High School South

Special Jury Prize - Experimental (Tie)
Transcended
Morgan Barth, Sophie Larish, Kelsey O'Keefe, Ashlyn Estevez, Kim Winters, Toria Pater
Middletown High School South

Special Jury Prize - Cinematography
STORYHOLE
Aidan Champeau, Jake Weinberg, Petra Fox, Jake Diamond, and Jacob Manthey
Montclair High School

Grand Prize - Narrative
Cougar Way
Cameron Lipp
Columbia High School

Grand Prize - Social Impact & Animation
Dollface
Alex DeRosa
Millburn High School

Special Jury Prize - Social Impact (tie)
Broken
Kerry Harper
Henry Hudson Regional

Special Jury Prize - Social Impact (tie)
You Reap What You Sow
Jacob Updyke
Millburn High School

Special Jury Prize - Animation
Love
Mary Arevalo
Columbia High School