



## **2017 AC Cinefest Award Winners**

### **Lifesaver Awards**

- Al Sapienza
- Harris Haith (Mid-Atlantic Regional)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Past Lifesaver: Keith Collins
- 10<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Past Lifesaver: Blanche Baker
- 10<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Past Lifesaver: Scott Rosenfelt

### **Acting Awards**

- Best Actor Short Drama New York: Thaddeus Daniels, *Brooklyn in July*
- Best Actress Short Comedy Regional: Stephanie Yafeh, *The Tramcar Girl*
- Best Actress Short Crime Drama: Brandy Gardener, *The Interrogator 2016*
- Best Actress Short Horror: Danielle Gomes, *The Mystery of Jasper*
- Best Supporting Actor Short Horror: Edgar Gonzalez, *The Mystery of Jasper*
- Best Supporting Actress Feature Thriller: Tara London, *Lost*
- Best Actress Short Comedy Horror: Karissa Marston, *Revenge is Best Served*
- Best Supporting Actress Short Dramedy: Bethany Nicole, *The Question*
- Best Supporting Actress Short New Jersey Dramedy: Nicole Young, *What's the Matter With Mommy?*
- Best Supporting Actor Short Drama: Tom Malloy, *Death's Door*
- Best Actor Short Crime Drama New Jersey: Jason Cerbone, *Passaic*
- Best Actor Feature Horror, Keith Collins, *The Samaritans*
- Best Actor Short Mental Health Drama: Chad Conley, *Truce*
- Best Actor Short Mental Health Thriller: Rob Cunning, *Haze*
- Best Actor Short Drama Regional: Joseph Fuoco, *All Over Again*
- Best Actor Short Drama East Coast: Lester Greene, *Driving Force*
- Best Actor Short Comedy Horror: David Marzano, *Fruit Bat II*
- Best Actor Short Drama: Marlon Samuda, *Immigrant Brothers*
- Best Actor Short Regional: John Shea, *Dating Service*
- Best Actor Short Drama: Tyler Tackett, *Candy & Ronnie*
- Best Actress Short Drama: Alexis Lariviere, *The Last Visit*
- Best Actress Short Romantic Drama: Mia Barnes, *Bad Romance*
- Best Ensemble Cast Regional: *We Are Actors*
- Best Ensemble Cast New Jersey: *What's the Matter With Mommy?*

## **Behind The Scenes Awards**

- Best Director Short Blanche Baker: *Streetwrite*
- Best Director Short Drama: Bob Celli: *Brooklyn in July*
- Best Director Short Horror Regional: Brian Golding, *The Last of Her*
- Best Director Short Crime Drama: Phillip Titus Barnett, *The Interrogator 2016*
- Best Director Short Ensemble: Elle Brooks, *We Are Actors*
- Best Director Short Comedy New Jersey: Eric J Carlson, *A Real Date*
- Best Director Short Horror: Chris J. Cullen, *The Cursed Road*
- Best Director Student Short Drama: Angelo Donnelly, *The Choices We Make*
- Best Director Feature Musical: Bret Eckhardt, *Spirit Revival*
- Best Director Ultrashort Romantic Comedy: Jono Freedrix, *Chivalry*
- Best Director Short Fantasy: Albert Kahn, *Mannahatta*
- Best Director Short Comedy: Debra Markowitz, *The Waiting Room*
- Best Director Short Drama: Mark Clauberg, *The Last Visit*
- Best Director Short Romantic Drama: Maurice Paramore, *Bad Romance*
- Best Director Short Drama Regional: Joseph McGovern, *All Over Again*
- Best Director Short Comedy Horror: Alex J. Murphy, *Fruit Bat II*
- Best Director First Time Short Documentary: Alexi Pappas, *Growing Up With FSHD*
- Best Director Ultrashort Comedy: Larry Rosen, *No Clue*
- Best Director Short Documentary on Atlantic City: Carole Ryavec, *Water Bucks*
- Best Director Feature Drama: Jack Skylyer, Alex Zinzopoulos, *Driver*
- Best Director Short TV Series: Keith Vaile, *Landlords and Tenants Wars*
- Best Film Editing Short Comedy: Nikki Gold, *Reality Disorder*
- Best Cinematography Short Thriller: Joseph Palumbo, *Haze*
- Best Cinematography Feature Horror: Cory Green, *The Samaritans*
- Best Writer Short Drama: Skyko, *Candy & Ronnie*
- Best Writer Short TV Series: Asa Howell, *Landlords & Tenants Wars*
- Best Writer Short Drama New Jersey: Chantelle Antoinette, *The Man in the Room*
- Best Writer Short Crime Drama: Michael Klausner, *Passaic*
- Best Writer Feature: Bret Eckhardt, *Spirit Revival*

## **Animation Awards**

- Best Animation UltraShort: Christina Avagliano, *Kramer*
- Best Animation Ultrashort Regional: Jenavieve Coulon, *Wig-less*
- Best Animation Short: Sebastian Foxworth, *The Family Blend! Pop's Big Payback*
- Best Animation Series: Pat Kaz, *Amanda Series*

## **Overall Film Awards**

- Best Feature: *The Man From Earth: Holocene*
- Best Musical Documentary: *Almost Boss*
- Best Ultrashort Dramey: *The Bag*
- Best Short Mystery Thriller: *Chance Encounter*
- Best Short Documentary: *One Mother's Fire: The Gail Minger Story*
- Best Short Documentary Mental Health: *The Great American Depression 2 - I'm Not Crazy*
- Best Student Short Documentary: *Hope Restored*
- Best Ultrashort Crime Drama: *Interrogation Room*
- Best Feature Thriller: *Lost*
- Best Short Crime Drama: *Passaic*
- Best Short Comedy: *Reality Disorder*
- Best Short Comedy Horror: *Revenge Is Best Served*
- Best Feature Horror: *The Samaritans*
- Best Short Drama: *Thurman Comes Home*
- Best Ultrashort Comedy First Film: Tracy Medberry, *Window Shopping*
- Best Music Short Mental Health: John Niespodzianski, *Truce*
- Best Music Short: *The Great American Depression 2 - I'm Not Crazy*
- Best Music Short Mystery Thriller: Zach Kamins, *Chance Encounter*

## **Screenwriting Competition Winners**

### *Feature Screenplay*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Susan Fontaine, *Loose Change*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Tommy McInnis *Last Stop*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Dan Tomasulo *American Snake Pit*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - John Hunt, *Sean Royal*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Anna Shields, *The Lost One*

### *Student Screenplay*

Sean Pignatelli, *Power of Love*

### *Short Screenplay*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Daniel Gessner, *The Back End*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Ronnie Lewis Jr., *Mentally III*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Scott Dissinger, *A Courage to Continue*