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**Awards Announced for**

**13th Jaipur International Film Festival-JIFF 2021 (Online\*)**

**On 19 January 2021 - Jaipur India**

**Awards announced in Nine Categories**

**Germany movie ‘Cherry Blossoms and Demons’ wins four awards**

**Chinese movie ‘The Highland Reflections’ wins three awards**

**Abhirami Bose wins Best Actress Award for Marathi film ‘Ratricha Paus’**

**Farmer is the focal point in the movie ‘Kaali Maati’, wins Award for the Best Political and Best Current Issue Film**

**JAIPUR:**

The five-day digital edition of the13th Jaipur International Film Festival (JIFF) concluded on Tuesday. Thousands of people from India and abroad watched 266 movies from 44 countries in that were screened online JIFF-2021. The best part of the event was that even during the tough time such as corona, the organisers organised it on the scheduled time.

The organisers and jury announced the awards for the movies from India and abroad in nine categories, which are as follows –

**FEATURE FICTION CATEGORY**

In the Feature Fiction category, the Golden Camel Award for Best Director, Red Rose, Best Makeup and Hairstyling and Best Film from European continent goes to the movie ‘Cherry Blossoms and Demons’ directed by Dorris Dorrie from Germany.

The Yellow Rose Award for Upcoming Film – with World Premier, Best Women Film and Special Jury Mention Feature Film goes to the movie ‘Porichoy’ directed by Rajiv Borthakur in Assamese language.

The Best Actor Award (Child), Best Music and Best Children’s Film goes to the movie ‘Atkan Chatkan’ directed by Shiv Hare, presented by A R Rahman in Hindi.

The Award for Best Original Screenplay, Best Cinematography and Best Film from Asian continent goes to the movie ‘The Highland Reflections’ directed by Yang Fan, Golden Chen from China.

The Green Rose Award for the movie that gives Global Message, Best Political and Current Issue goes to ‘Kaali Maati’ directed by Hemant Kumar Mahale from India based on farmers.

BEST ACTRESS AWARD Goes to Abhirami Bose for the film Ratricha Paus (The Night Rain) Directed by Shine Ravi from India in Marathi & Vagabonds directed by Philippe Dajoux from France. And BEST ACTOR AWARD also goes to Vagabonds directed by Philippe Dajoux from France.

The Award for Best Jaipur Critics Film goes to ‘Tango Shalom’ directed by Gabriel Bologna from the United States.

**DOCUMENTARY FEATURE CATEGORY**

In the Documentary Feature category, the Golden Camel Award for Best Director and Best Documentary Feature goes to ‘Taking Refuge’ directed by Vanessa Hudson from Spain.

The Welcome Regards Award for Best Debutante Director (Director First Film) goes to ‘Juan’ directed by Louise Heem from France and ‘Pink Belt Mission’ directed by John McCrite from the United States.

The Special Jury Mention goes to ‘Doosra: India’s Other Freedom Struggle’ directed by Abhinay Deo from India.  Award winning Indian director, who had received 2012 Filmfare Debutant Director for ‘Delhi Belly’ – a Hinglish cult film for Aamir Khan Productions, ranked most successful movie of the year. Latest film ‘Blackmail’, featuring Irrfan Khan released in April 2018.

**WORLDWOOD INTERNATIONAL PANORAMA**

In Worldwood International Panorama – Movie ‘Khisa’ (Pocket) directed by Raj Pritam More from India won the award for the Best Short fiction in the Short Fiction category.

‘When Mom Is Gone’ directed by Zeynep Gulru Kececiler from Turkey won the award for Best Short Document in the Short Documentary category.

‘Radha – the eternal melody’ directed by Bimal Poddar from India won the award for Best Short Animation in the Short Animation category.

‘Pichhutan’ directed by Avik Bhanja from India won the award for Short Fiction (Mobile) in the Short Film – Mobile category.

‘Taking Refuge, Target Tokyo 2020’ directed by Vanessa Hudson won the award for the Best Web Series in the Web Series category.

‘Renaissance Caillous Nicolas’ from France won the award for Best Song in Music/Song/Album category.

‘Smile’ directed by Kevin Uskokovic from Australia won the award for the Best Ad Film in the Ad Film category.

**COMING STARS PANORAMA (ONLY FOR STUDENTS)**

In Coming Stars Panorama (only for students) – the Best Student Film (short fiction) award was given to ‘Masel Tov Cocktail’ directed by Arkadij Khaet, Mickey Paatzsch from Germany for Best Student Film (short fiction).

**U TURN RAJASTHAN PANORAMA (ONLY FOR THE HOST STATE RAJASTHAN**

In U Turn Rajasthan Panorama (Only for the host State Rajasthan), short documentary ‘Udaiveer – Real Indian Army Hero’ directed by Taptesh Kumar was the best short documentary film from Rajasthan, while short film ‘Shatranj’ directed by Tapan Bhatt got the Special Jury Mention and Special Appreciation Award was given to songs ‘Tu Chhod Naa Ummedon Ka Daaman’ of Sunil Prasad Sharma and ‘Mharo Govind’ of Manjoor Ali.

**WINNER OF INTERNATIONAL SCREENPLAY COMPETITION – ISC@JIFF**

Winner of International Screenplay Competition – ISC@JIFF  - First screenplay – ‘Baabul’ written by Ronika Merl from Ireland, second screenplay to ‘The Spiritualization of Jeff Boyd’ written Uwe Schwarzwalder from Switzerland and the third screenplay to ‘Protector of the Emerald City’ written by Kevin J. Howard from United States.

**FROM WINNERS**

***Shiv Hare, director of ‘Atkan Chatkan’ on Lydian winning Best Child Actor Award said, “Lydian deserves it. This child has never acted earlier and he learnt Hindi language coming to Jhansi in a few days and made this character immortal.”***

***Similarly, Louise Heem, director of the movie ‘Juan’ for being selected as the best director for feature documentary said, “I’m really grateful to JIFF organizers who made the festival happen despite the very difficult context. Juan is a story of separation and adoption. It is a quest for origins and identity. I really hope that this story about family ties and emotions will help to build bridges and connections between different people in the world.”***

***Riniki Bhuyan Sharma, producer of ‘Porichoy – The Identity’ felt extremely honoured for the movie being selected for JIFF Awards and extended gratitude for the recognition.***

**Award Ceremony is proposed in March end or April**

JIFF Founder Director Hanu Roj said, “We have announced the winners on Tuesday and it is proposed to hold the award ceremony in the month of March end or April and organising few other activities such as workshops, seminars and discussions.”

**FOR FULL LIST OF AWARDS:** [**http://jiffindia.org/jiffawards.html**](http://jiffindia.org/jiffawards.html)

**Please find the attached few posters of winning films and photo of winners.**

**Please find the attached full list of winners.**

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