



**2017 RICHMOND INTERNATIONAL FILM  
FESTIVAL**

**GRAND JURY AWARDS**

**Congratulations to:**

**2017  
GRAND JURY PRIZE  
Best Feature Film  
*Tales of Mexico***

**2017  
GRAND JURY PRIZE  
Best Short Film  
*Limbo***

**2017  
GRAND JURY PRIZE  
Best Feature Screenplay**

***Sinking***

**2017**

**GRAND JURY PRIZE  
Best Short Screenplay  
*At the End of The Rope***

**2017**

**BEST OF FESTIVAL  
Narrative Feature  
*Children of the Mountain***

**2017**

**BEST OF FESTIVAL  
Documentary Feature  
*Baskavigin***

**2017**

**BEST OF FESTIVAL  
Narrative Short  
*Vicious***

**2017**

**BEST OF FESTIVAL  
Documentary Short**

*In Lorton's Darkroom*

**2017**

**BEST OF FESTIVAL**

**Animated Short**

*Parade de Satie*

**2017**

**BEST OF FESTIVAL**

**Experimental Short**

*The Italian Gaze*

**2017**

**BEST OF FESTIVAL**

**Music Video**

*Tom and His Computer Organ*

**2017**

**BEST OF FESTIVAL**

**Web Series**

*Transplanting*

**2017 TRIBUTE AWARD**

**“OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN THE  
ARTS & GLOBAL COMMUNITY”**

**Irène Jacob**

**2017 LEGACY AWARD  
“OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FILM,  
TELEVISION & PHILANTHROPY”**

**Ed Asner**

**2017 LEGACY AWARD  
“OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE ARTS &  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA”**

**Mary Nelson**

**For Music –**

**2017  
GRAND JURY AWARD  
The Trap Music Orchestra**

**2017  
EMERGING ARTIST  
Jake Tavill**

**2017  
LOCAL FAVORITE  
Radio B**

**2017**  
**BEST INTERNATIONAL**  
**Naomi Achu**

**2017**  
**BEST R&B**  
**Samantha Reed**

**2017**  
**BEST HIP HOP**  
**Just B. Polo**

**2017**  
**BEST CONTEMPORARY POP**  
**Skinny-e**

**2017**  
**BEST ROCK**  
**Vajra**

**2017**  
**BEST COUNTRY OR FOLK**  
**Mary Bragg**

**2017  
BEST DJ  
DJ Fusion**

**2017  
CRITIC CHOICE AWARD  
Belle of the Fall**

**2017 TRIBUTE AWARD  
“OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN MUSIC”  
Susan Greenbaum**

**Audience Choice Award:  
The Mason Pace Band**

**2017 RIFF Innovation Award:  
Sparky Quano**

**2017 RIFF Rising Star Award:  
Lamayah**

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**Individual Merit Awards for Film:**

**Best Directing:  
Konstantina Kotzamani for LIMBO**

**Best Cinematography:  
Bogumil Godfrejow & Guillermo Granillo for  
TALES OF MEXICO**

**Best Actress:  
Yolanda Ross for VICIOUS**

**Best Actor:  
Daniel Wyland for CONDEMNED**

**Rising Star Award:  
Anni Pitágoris for BIENVENIDOS**

**Best Original Music:  
Jan A.P. Kaczmarek for TALES OF MEXICO**

**(Tie) Best Original Screenplay:  
Konstantina Kotzamani for LIMBO**

**Best Original Screenplay:  
Molly Hermann for WRITTEN OFF**

**Screenplay Genre Winners -**

**Best Original Drama Screenplay (Tie):  
ILL CONCEIVED and JACOB'S OCEAN**

**Best Original Sci-Fi Screenplay:  
THE LAST BOOKSTORE**

**Best Original Comedy Screenplay:  
WALL STREAK**

**Best Original Action/Drama Screenplay:  
REACH FOR THE SKY**

**2017 Audience Choice Award for Best Feature:  
A GESTURE AND A WORD**

**2017 Audience Choice Award for Best Short:  
THE CATCHER**

**2017 Honorable Mention Awards -**

**Strange Fruit Redux: The Perils of Young Black  
Boys in Early Childhood Education**

**2017 Honorable Mention Award  
Spirits of Rebellion**

**2017 Honorable Mention Award**  
**It Hurts Until You Die**