

60th Ann Arbor Film Festival Tour

PROGRAM ONE



Birdsaver Report Volume 2

Heehyun Choi

Los Angeles, CA |
2020 | 11 minutes
Mariam Ghani
Juror Award

Wild birds continue to collide onto glass walls, and humans collect, measure, and analyze to prevent it. Various attempts to observe, perceive and represent reality are prevalent in the history of art, film, and media. Do human vision and bird vision lie in the same world? Are we able to see the same image as the other?



After the Dance

Shunsaku Hayashi

Japan | 2021 |
3 minutes
Thomas Renoldner
Juror Award

Inspired by the realization that someone you thought you knew has changed in frightening ways. Our understanding of people is mediated by our own experience, limited, and the indirect ritualism of relationships is like dance or sport.



The Fourth Wall

Mahboobeh Kalae

Iran | 2022 | 10 minutes
Chris Frayne Award for
Best Animated Film

Home and family, relationships, desires, wishes and everything are summarized in a kitchen. The stuttering boy is alone there, playing with his imagination.



Precautionary Measures

Lizzy Deacon,
Ika Schwander

Portugal | 2021 |
14 minutes
The Barbara Aronofsky
Latham Award for an

Emerging Experimental Video Artist

After winning a life coaching session in a raffle at her local village hall, Helen is guided through the help she never really needed. Together with her life coach Hazel, they explore healing strategies to cope with fear, rejection and grief, raising the important question as to whom this pain really belongs to.



She Gather Me

Miatta Kawinzi

Brooklyn, NY | 2021 |
12 minutes
The No. 1 African
Film Award

Titled after a line from Toni Morrison's novel *Beloved*. A poetic meditation on the resonance of different physical and mental landscapes of the African Diaspora. Through analog and digital film, video, and audio; this piece presents alternative ways of considering place and the search for a space of belonging & refuge.



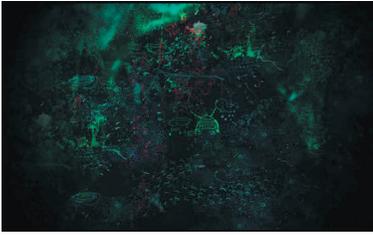
Irani Bag

Maryam Tafakory

Iran, Singapore, UK |
2021 | 8 minutes
Barbara Hammer
Feminist Film Award

Using excerpts of films produced between

1990 and 2018, *Irani Bag* is a split-screen video essay questioning the innocence of bags in post-revolution Iranian cinema.



Cosmos-War-Finally-Love

Luciano Zubillaga

Argentina | 2022 |
7 minutes
Best Experimental Film

A triptych about
sequential and

spatial indeterminacy. Linearity imposes a closed and rigid hierarchy of sensory organization based on a fixed, external, geometrically positioned observer and narrative. *Cosmos-War-Finally-Love* incorporates the nebulous and swarming character of indeterminacy and ambiguity as an opening to expand the plasticity of our transmodal connections.



John L

Nina McNeely

Los Angeles, CA |
2021 | 5 minutes
Award for Best
Music Video

An absurdist dance
and animation

extravaganza about when cult followers turn on their leader.

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

Established in 1963, the Ann Arbor Film Festival is the oldest avant garde and experimental film festival in North America. In 2022, the festival featured 37 programs with more than 150 films from almost 40 countries of all lengths and genres, including experimental, animation, documentary, narrative, hybrid, and performance based works. The 61st Festival will take place March 21-26, 2023 at the historic Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Film submissions for the 61st festival are accepted from July 1st through September 30th, 2022.

Executive Director: **Leslie Raymond**

Technical Director: **Tom Bray**

TOURING PROGRAM

The Ann Arbor Film Festival, a pioneer of the film festival touring concept, has been presenting an annual tour of selected works from the festival since 1964 to galleries, art house theaters, museums, universities, libraries, microcinemas, and media arts centers throughout the world. All filmmakers participating on the tour are paid to screen their work, providing direct support to these independent artists.

DVD COLLECTIONS

A selection of films from the AAFF are also available on limited-edition DVD collections, which can be purchased on our website: aafilmfest.org. Use code **60TOUR** to get 15% off any or all the DVDs in our collection.



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