



8TH ANNUAL LOS ANGELES GREEK FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES WINNERS

BEST FEATURE ORPHEUS AWARD
MISS VIOLENCE (Directed by Alexandros Avranas)

BEST DOCUMENTARY ORPHEUS AWARD
CROSSED LIVES (Directed by Spyros Teskos)

BEST SHORT FILM ORPHEUS AWARD
RED HULK (Directed by Asimina Proedrou)

SPECIAL JURY ORPHEUS AWARD – *OPERA PRIMA* –
THE ETERNAL RETURN OF ANTONIS PARASKEVAS (Directed by Elina Psykou)

AUDIENCE CHOICE ORPHEUS AWARD
CROSSED LIVES (Directed by Spyros Teskos)

SPECIAL JURY MENTION
TRAVEL EXPRESS (Directed by Natassa Xydi)

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Los Angeles, CA (June 8, 2014)- The Asteria came out to play at the Closing Night Gala of the 8th Annual Los Angeles Greek Film Festival Sunday, June 8, with their annual Orpheus Awards Ceremony and Gala Reception at the Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood, CA.

Following the screening of Yorgos Tsemberopoulos' award-winning *THE ENEMY WITHIN*, hosts *Banshee*'s Christos Vasilopoulos and actress Chrissa Loukas took center stage to begin the closing night awards ceremony.

The duo then introduced the troupe from Stella Adler who performed against a projected video graphically portraying the history of performance from the ancient times to modernity.

Festival Co-Founder Ersi Danou and Director Aris Katopodis then took the stage to announce that this year has been the most successful in the history of the festival with a record 23 filmmakers attending the 5 days of films, forums and fun.

Ersi Danou introduced the 5-member jury Variety Deputy Editor Peter Caranicas; award-winning writer and co-founder & CEO Emerald Peak Entertainment Larry Karaszewski (ED WOOD); Producer Christopher Kikis; International Sales & Acquisitions at Arclight Films Athena Nash; and Loyola Marymount's Professor of Classics Dr. Katerina Zacharia who judged 28 Feature films, documentaries and shorts to select this year's winners.

Australian Actress Gia Carides presented the first award of the evening, Best Short Film, to RED HULK.

Next up was the Best Documentary Award presented by QUANTUM OF SOLACE actor Simon Kassianides with the honor going to Spyros Teskos' CROSSED LIVES.

Actress Tracy Spiridakos (*Revolution*) presented the Best Feature Award to MISS VIOLENCE by Alexandros Avranas.

Actor/comedian Angelo Tsarouchas (FRED & VINNIE) gave the Audience Choice Award kudos to Spyros Teskos' CROSSED LIVES.

International Project Discovery panelist Srdjan Stakic presented the Aegean Award and Mediterranean Film Institute (MFI) scholarship for IPDF to Marios Piperides' comedy DETOUR.

Fox head Jim Gianopulos and director James Gray then took center stage to present one of two special honors this year to 12 YEARS A SLAVE Oscar-winning producer Anthony Katagas.

The second Honorary Award was presented to WHEN HARRY MET SALLY producer Steve Nicolaides by Koula Kazista.

The awards were followed by a dinner reception in the Egyptian Courtyard with performances by Boston's The Tripping Souls.

The Awards ceremony was produced by producer/writer Dorothea Paschalidou and Greek actor Yorgos Karamihos.

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