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NYC Web Fest Announces Winners- Colin Quinn's Cop Show as Best Comedy, The Story of Cancer Receives Best Web Series Prize Second-annual NYCWF announces complete slate of festival winners

(NEW YORK) November 17, 2015 - The second-annual NYC Web Fest (NYCWF) announced its festival award winners with top prizes going to *The Story of Cancer* for Best Web Series, *Cop Show* for Best Comedy, *The Graceland Happiness Project* for Best Documentary, *The Rolling Soldier* for Best Drama and *High Road* for Best Dramedy. Held November 13-14, 2015 at the PIT Loft, the festival was created by Lauren Atkins to bring together a multifaceted, diverse group of people from around the world to showcase the best of the web, and to serve as the premier home for digital producers on an international level. <u>http://www.nycwebfest.com</u>

On creating NYCWF, Atkins said, "I want to provide content creators with a place to screen their shows in front of an audience on a big screen. The creative community in New York is second to none, and it's cool to see everyone come together and support each other's projects."

The complete list of winners include:

Outstanding Achievement in Editing to Ian Strang's Nikola Tesla & The End of the World

Outstanding Achievement in Music to Todd Carlstrom, Katie Mullins Mice in Cars, Brother Hawk, FRANCES and David Dingess for R & J (the web series)

Outstanding Achievement in Cinematography to Terrance Stewart for Anamnesis

Outstanding Achievement in Writing to Colin Quinn for Cop Show

Outstanding Achievement in Animation to TVF MEDIA for Croissant Man

Original Concept to Emma Watts, Tales from Tinder

Best Supporting Actress to Sarah de Possesse, Starting From Now

Best Supporting Actor to Olivier Gervais-Courchene, The Banks

Best Ensemble Cast to Linnea Sage, Sarah Seeds, Maddie Nehlen, Noelle Yatauro, Dev Meenagh, Kelsey Lynn Stokes, Lacy Jaeka, Nikki Flemming, G Paul Salvetti, Allie Funk, Kathleen Wise, Cassandre Fiering for *Wildcats*

Best Documentary to The Graceland Happiness Project

Best Drama to Tague Films for The Rolling Soldier

Best Dramedy to Tomorrowland Sound & Vission, *High Road*

Best Comedy to M.E.G.A. Films, L Studios, Morris S. Levy, Brian Stern and Colin Quinn for *Cop Show*

Special Guest Star to Julie Halston for The Mentors

Best Actress to Katie Maguire for LI Divas

Best Actor to Julian Klepper, Free Therapy

Best Foreign Language Web Series to 4AM, Antonio Micciulla for Innumerevoli Ombre (Italy)

Best International Web Series to Tabitha Grove, Elias Campbell, Maxim Gertler-Jaffe to Toronto-based production *World Away*

I love NY award presented by Nameless to Every Dog has its Day Productions for *Downtown Girls*

Outstanding Achievement in Direction to Natasha Kermani for The Mentors

Best Web Series to The Story of Cancer, Redglass Pictures

With its slogan as "the greatest city in the world celebrates the web," in only its second year, NYCWF has established itself as *the* web fest to watch series produced by newcomers and industry heavyweights. This year's festival screened a total of 93 titles with other highlights including the premiere of Lewis Black's new comedy series *The Mentors* as the closing night feature.

Shows that made their festival premiere included Colin Quinn's *Cop Show*, Refinery 29's *Queens of Kings* and *Oldhead*, written and directed by former college basketball star Tony Chennault. This year's Judges included MuchMusic's April Day, TDot TV's Justin Edmead, award-winning Writer/Director/Producer Jessica Lacombe and Founder and CCO of Nameless, Alexandra Serio.

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The NYC Web Fest has brought together a multifaceted diverse group of people from around the world to showcase the best of the web. Our goal is to make this festival the premier home for digital producers on an international level. An organic space where creators can showcase their talent, network with other artists, and learn from industry insiders.

Toronto native Lauren Atkins founded NYCWF in 2014, along with April Day, formerly of Canada's MuchMusic Network. Atkins has since added Justin Edmead of Tdot TV, Alexandra Serio of NYCTV (formerly of VICE) and Jessica Lacombe of Blue Slate Digital (formerly of the Tribeca Film Festival) to the jury.

For more information, go to http://www.nycwebfest.com



Writer/director John Tague accepting the award for "Best Drama" at the NYC Web Fest Awards ceremony. (Photo by Lindsey Seide of Focuz Fotoz)



Cop Director J.D. Amato, Lauren Atkins, (moderator) Alex Cirillo, producer Morris S. Levy



Best Actress award winner Katie Maguire, with cast-mates Kathy Searle and Catherine Callahan (Katie and Catherine also write and direct the show) Photo credit: Photo by Lindsey Seide