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Film Festival Announce 2014 Award Winners

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BIFF announced the winners of the Jury, Audience Choice and Prospero awards following the 17th annual Bermuda International Film Festival [BIFF], which concluded on March 27.

Over 25 short films and fictional and documentary features screened at BIFF 2014. The lineup included three Oscar-nominated films: The Square, Missing Picture and Omar; as well as several Cannes award winners. Over 2,500 seats at Liberty Theatre were filled by BIFF during festival week.

Lead Juror Jan Harlan with visiting filmmakers and other festival special guests





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Special Jury Prizes: My Father's Truck

The jury gave recognition with a Special Prize to Vietnamese film My Father's Truck, which Peter Rainer described as a "complex coming-of-age film that showcases both the helplessness and the resiliency of children in a hostile adult world."

They were also full of praise for More Than Two Hours from Iran, described by Peter as "a strong, heartbreaking drama about a young couple in totalitarian nightmare."

Tryouts from the USA about a Muslim-American girl caught in a cultural bind was also a firm favourite with the jury. Peter said that this film "evoked strong feeling from the jury."

The final Jury special mention went to Door God made in China. Peter described it as "a complex drama about a child's disillusionment with her dreams."

A packed out crowd at Liberty Theatre for the opening film, Le Week-End.



Audience Choice Best Short - Delicate Gravity

The audience voted French film, Delicate Gravity, as the best short of this year's festival. This is a 30-minute film about a message being left on the wrong man's phone by a suicidal girl, which leads to a brief encounter between the two.