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Winners of the 16th annual FIN Kids Film Competition announced!

(Halifax, NS) – FIN Atlantic International Film Festival has announced its award winners for the **2019 FIN Kids Film Competition** presented by **DHX Media**. Fifty-five youth-made short films were showcased as part of four screenings that took place at the Scotiabank Theatre Halifax on Saturday, April 27.

Award winners include:

People's Choice

(Prize: DJI Osmo Mobile 2 Handheld Gimbal)

Dear Big Sister

Maddie Gillis

Best Film by a Filmmaker 12 Years Old or Younger

(Prize: GoPro HERO Session Waterproof Digital Action Camera)

Lopez

Ian MacKinnon

Best Drama

(Prize: GorillaPod SLR-Zoom and Flexible Tripod)

A Cursed Monster With Bandage

Sean Ahn

Best Documentary First Place

(Prize: Rode SmartLav and Neewer CN 216 on Camera Light)

Finding Art

Eva Redmond

Best Documentary Runner Up

(Prize: GorillaPod SLR-Zoom and Flexible Tripod)

Dear Big Sister

Maddie Gillis

This year's jury was made up of members from the Atlantic Canadian film community, including Shelley Thompson, Nicole Steeves, and Israel Ekanem and awards were presented by David Regan, Executive Vice President, Strategy and Corporate Development of DHX Media Ltd, and Wayne Carter, Executive Director of FIN.

“There’s an incredibly strong alignment between DHX Media and the FIN Kids Film Competition’s commitment to bring together young people and content that highlights and inspires creativity,” said David Regan, Executive Vice President, Strategy and Corporate Development at DHX Media. “We’re proud to offer our continued support to an initiative that showcases Atlantic Canada’s best young filmmakers.”

About FIN Kids

Formerly known as ViewFinders, FIN Kids has changed its name to reflect its status as an integral part of the FIN family of events and activities, which also includes the Atlantic International Film Festival in September. Our mission is the same: to present curated movies and shorts exploring vast emotional journeys that engage, entertain and invigorate Atlantic Canadians.

Since 2002, FIN Kids has grown into an Atlantic Canada-wide youth initiative that brings the FIN experience to school groups and communities across the region.

Each year FIN Kids presents the best in regional, national and international films for youth, tackling issues from multiculturalism and community to sustainability and creativity. The program's activities introduce students to the wonderful world of filmmaking through hands-on media workshops, and the FIN Kids Film Competition provides a platform for young filmmakers - a proven launching pad for the next generation of talent.

For more information on FIN Kids, visit: finkids.ca.

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