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Winners of the 15th annual FIN Kids Film Competition announced!

(Halifax, NS) – The 15th annual **FIN Kids Film Competition**, presented by **DHX Media**, has announced its award winners. As part of a red-carpet screening, forty-seven youth-made short films were showcased at the Scotiabank Theatre in Halifax on Saturday, June 2.

Award winners include:

People's Choice (Prize: DJI Osmo Gimbal)

The Recollections of Victor Wilbury

Tatiana El-Rabahi, Lauren Jollimore-Behie and Anna Bakowsky

Best Film by a Filmmaker 12 Years Old or Younger (Prize: GoPro Hero5 Session)

Out of Time

Isabelle Gray, Charlie Moore, Santi Rendon, Laura Wright

Best Drama First Place (Prize: Rode VideoMic Pro)

The Recollections of Victor Wilbury

Tatiana El-Rabahi, Lauren Jollimore-Behie and Anna Bakowsky

Best Drama Runner Up (Prize: GorillaPod SLR-Zoom and Flexible Tripod)

The Pitch

Arthur Huang, Lydell Husbands, Alex Yan, Jin Zhengran

Best Documentary First Place (Prize: Rode SmartLav and Neewer CN 216 on Camera Light)

The Pink Tax

Tatiana El-Rabahi, Lauren Jollimore-Behie

Best Documentary Runner Up (Prize: GorillaPod SLR-Zoom and Flexible Tripod)

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This year's FIN Kids Film Competition jury was made up of four exceptional members from the Atlantic Canadian film community, including Kim McTaggart, Koumbie, Stephanie Clattenburg, and Andrew Coll.

Awards were presented by Richard Purcell of DHX Media's Halifax Studio and Wayne Carter, Executive Director of FIN.

"The FIN Kids Film Competition is one of our favourite events we do here at FIN," said Wayne Carter, Executive Director. "The opportunity to see young filmmakers realize their vision continues to be a thrill each year and we are honoured to be a part of this important developmental time for our future auteurs. We are very grateful for the ongoing support from our friends at DHX Media whose participation in this competition allows it to continue to be an integral step for our young creators."

"Canada is home to a great deal of talented content creators, and it's wonderful to see more and more youth headed down this path," said Phillip Stamp, Vice President, DHX Media's Halifax

Studio. “It’s an honour for DHX Media to sponsor an event like this that encourages young people to be creative and bring their ideas to life through film.”

About FIN Kids

Formerly known as ViewFinders, FIN Kids has changed its name to reflect its status as an integral part of FIN and all its programs and events, 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.

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