

The 19th Shanghai International Film Festival draws to a close

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21/06/2016 - European productions such as Vito Palmieri's *See You in Texas*, Antti Jokinen's *Flowers of Evil* and more took home awards from the Chinese A-list festival



Vito Palmieri received the Jury Grand Prix for his film *See You in Texas*

The Shanghai International Film Festival (SIFF) concluded on 19 June, with awards being handed out at the ceremony held in the Shanghai Grand Theatre. The nine-day festival screened nearly 600 films, attracted more than 300,000 viewers and created a new box-office record of approximately €2.6 million – the highest yet for the festival.

The Golden Goblet Award for Best Feature Film went to the Chinese film *De Lan*, directed by **Liu Jie**, who has already won several prizes at the SIFF in the past, including Best Director and the Jury Grand Prix for *Biluo xue shan* in 2010, and Best Feature Film for *Qing Chun Pai* in 2012. The other two Chinese films in the main competition both won awards as well: **Liu Ye** won Best Actor for his performance in **Cao Baoping's** *Cock and Bull*, and **Guo Daming** won Best Cinematography for his work on **Zhang Yang's** *Soul on a String*.

Three of the seven European films or co-productions nominated took home awards: Italian director **Vito Palmieri's** *See You in Texas* received the Jury Grand Prix, Finnish filmmaker **Antti Jokinen** won Best Director for his second film at the SIFF, *Flowers of Evil*, and the German-Austrian co-production *Hanna's Sleeping Dogs*, written and directed by **Andreas Gruber**, won Best Screenplay. In addition, the German-Swedish-Swiss collaboration *Ted Sieger's Molly Monster*, directed by **Ted Sieger, Michael Ekbladh** and **Matthias Bruhn**, won Best Animation Film.

Other winners at the SIFF included **Naomi Fujiyama**, awarded Best Actress for her performance in the Japanese film *The Projects* by **Junji Sakamoto**, Filipino film *Haze* by **Ralston Jover**, which received the Award for Outstanding Artistic Achievements, and the Peruvian production *When Two Worlds Collide* by **Heidi Brandenburg** and **Mathew Orzel**, which snagged Best Documentary Film.

Here is the complete list of the winners of the Golden Goblet Awards:

Best Feature Film

De Lan – Liu Jie

Jury Grand Prix

See You in Texas – Vito Palmieri

Best Director

Antti Jokinen – *Flowers of Evil*

Best Actor

Liu Ye – *Cock and Bull*

Best Actress

Naomi Fujiyama – *The Projects*

Best Screenplay

Andreas Gruber – *Hanna's Sleeping Dogs*

Best Cinematography

Guo Daming – *Soul on a String*

Outstanding Artistic Achievements

Haze – Ralston Jover

Best Documentary Film

Two Worlds Collide – Heidi Brandenburg and Mathew Orzel

Best Animation Film

Ted Sieger's Molly Monster – Ted Sieger, Michael Ekbladh and Matthias Bruhn