

 **Edmonton**
FILM PRIZE

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AMPIA Announces Shortlist for Edmonton Film Prize!

December 20, 2017, Edmonton – SIX LOCAL FILMS NAMED AS FINALISTS

For the fifth time, the shortlist for the 2017 Edmonton Film Prize has been announced. A total of \$12,000 in prize money will be awarded to the three finalists among this list of six, with \$10,000 for the first-place film and \$1,000 each for two runners-up.

The prize will be awarded in January of 2018 to a director and/or producer whose narrative, documentary or experimental project has been judged to be of superior quality. The award is sponsored by the City of Edmonton through the [Edmonton Arts Council](#) and administered by [AMPIA](#).

An independent jury of Edmonton film community members reviewed the 13 eligible submissions and agreed on a shortlist of six films. Besides the primary assessment of the work's quality, the nominees' unique contributions and outstanding accomplishments in the film community were also given consideration.

This year's (alphabetical) shortlist:

- ***Abigaille et la date coaching*** (Nominee: Jessica L'Heureux)
- ***Chasing Evel: The Robbie Knievel Story*** (Nominee: Adam Scorgie)
- ***I Got Rhythm: The Science of Song*** (Nominee: Connie Edwards)
- ***Jelena*** (Nominee: Pollyanna Hardwicke-Brown)
- ***Squeaks & Cheeks 2*** (Nominee: Rebecca Campbell)
- ***Thousand Yard Stare*** (Nominee: Aaron Kurmey)

About the Edmonton Film Prize

The Edmonton Film Prize is intended to recognize Edmonton-based filmmakers who demonstrate artistic and technical excellence, is sponsored by the City of Edmonton through the Edmonton Arts Council and administered by the Alberta Media Production Industries Association (AMPIA). Entries are judged by an independent jury of filmmakers and members of the film community.

About AMPIA

AMPIA is a vibrant non-profit professional association representing the interests of Alberta film, television and interactive digital content creators. We are producers and craftspeople who develop, produce and market our stories across screens and platforms throughout the world. AMPIA is also host of The Rosies, the annual Alberta Film and Television Awards.

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