

## EDMONTON MUSIC AND FILM PRIZES AWARDED

**February 6, 2019—Edmonton, AB—** Alberta Music and the Alberta Media Production Industries Association (AMPIA), in collaboration with the Edmonton Arts Council, are pleased to announce the winners of the 2018 Edmonton Film Prize & Edmonton Music Prize.

At a reception held at the ATB's Branch for Arts and Culture in Edmonton last night, the Edmonton Music and Film Prizes were awarded to six local artists. In the music category, Audrey Ochoa walked away with the top prize of \$10,000, with Nuela Charles winning second place and Marco Claveria coming in third. Each runner-up was awarded \$1,000. The Music Prize recognizes Edmonton-based musicians or musical collectives who have released a full-length recording in the past 18 months, and the top three were chosen by a jury of industry professionals from a shortlist of ten. The 29 submissions entered were the most since the prize was introduced in 2013.

"We are very happy to see the diverse genres in the results of this year's Edmonton Music Prize, spanning Jazz, Alternative Soul, and Latin Fusion" said Alberta Music's Executive Director, Carly Klassen. "It demonstrates the breadth of talent in our city, which we are very proud to support."

The Edmonton Film Prize is awarded each year to directors and/or producers whose narrative, documentary, or experimental projects have been judged to be of superior quality, with the top three were selected from a shortlist of ten by a jury of industry professionals. The Film Prize winner and recipient of a \$10,000 cash prize is Budapest-born filmmaker Zsafia Opra-Szabo for her stop-motion animation and puppetry short film *Sophia*. The first runner-up is Cree filmmaker Alexandra Lazarowich with *Fast Horse*, recent winner of the **Short Film Special Jury Award** at Sundance Film Festival . Adam Scorgie, first place winner at last year's ceremony, picked up the third prize for *Making Coco: The Grant Fuhr Story*. Both runners-up received a cash prize of \$1,000. In all, 28 projects were submitted, the most entries since the program's launch in 2012.

"As with the Music Prize, this year's Film Prize nominations were remarkable for the diversity of nominees as well as for their quality," said AMPIA Executive Director Bill Evans. "We are pleased to see such strong creative films being produced by the Edmonton filmmaking community."

### **About the Edmonton Arts Council:**

The Edmonton Arts Council is a not-for-profit organization that supports and promotes the arts community in Edmonton. The EAC works to increase the profile and involvement of arts and culture in all aspects of our community life. [www.edmontonarts.ca/](http://www.edmontonarts.ca/)

### **About AMPIA:**

AMPIA is a non-profit professional association serving the media production community in Alberta. Incorporated in 1973, AMPIA is the first such association in Canada. AMPIA is also host of the longest running film & television awards in Canada, the Rosie Awards. [www.ampia.org](http://www.ampia.org)

### **About Alberta Music:**

Alberta Music is a non-profit, service-based association dedicated to helping professionals in the music industry succeed in their careers. It exists to build, connect and inspire a dynamic music industry in the province of Alberta. [www.albertamusic.org](http://www.albertamusic.org)

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