

 **Edmonton**
FILM PRIZE

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AMPIA Announces the Edmonton Film Prize Winners!

January 30, 2017, Edmonton – CHRIS CRADDOCK HONOURED FOR DIRECTORAL DEBUT

Three Edmonton directors were announced as the winners of the Edmonton Film Prize during a joint reception with Alberta Music at the Metro Cinema on January 29, 2017.

The \$8000 Grand Prize Winner was awarded to Chris Craddock for the feature film *It's Not My Fault and I Don't Care Anyway*. Chris has been a main player in the Edmonton theatre scene, winning awards for both writing and acting. Even though he had never directed for the screen before, Chris has been immersed in television for years, writing and starring in the comedy series *Tiny Plastic Men* (Mosaic Entertainment). The film features the last performance of actor Alan Thicke (who passed away December 2016), and also stars *The Blindsides*'s Quinton Aaron and Edmonton favourites Reamonn Joshee and Jesse Lipscombe.

\$1,000 Runner Up: Director Dylan Pearce, *40 Below and Falling*

Dylan Pearce has directed six feature length films, countless shorts and worked extensively with storytelling in 3D, 360 and VR.

\$1,000 Runner Up: Director Niobe Thompson, *Memento Mori*

Niobe Thompson has won four Gemini and Canadian Screen Awards for his visually arresting and thoughtful science and nature documentaries.

Shortlisted: Producer Adam Scorgie, *Ice Guardians*

Shortlisted: Producers Lindsay Robinson and Stephen Robinson, *How to Learn Anything*

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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