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20 EDMONTON ARTISTS SHORTLISTED FOR EDMONTON MUSIC AND FILM PRIZES

December 13, 2018—Edmonton, AB—Alberta Music and the Alberta Media Production Industries Association (AMPIA) are pleased to announce the shortlists for the 2018 Edmonton Music and Film Prizes.

The Music Prize recognizes Edmonton-based musicians or musical collectives who have released a full-length recording in the past 18 months. The 10 shortlisted artists were determined from the 29 nominations by a jury of industry professionals, assembled by Alberta Music.

"It's inspiring to hear the caliber of music that is being released in Edmonton, showcasing the city as a world-class creator of music," noted Alberta Music's Executive Director, Carly Klassen. "I am excited to continue following the careers of the emerging and established artists that appear on this year's shortlist."

28 films were nominated for the Edmonton Film Prize, which is awarded to directors and/or producers whose narrative, documentary, or experimental projects have been judged to be of superior quality.

"This year saw a marked increase in the number of projects submitted, which may be attributable to the support of the Edmonton Screen Industries Office," remarked Bill Evans, Executive Director of AMPIA. "We're happy to see such a wide variety of genres reflected from web-series to short films to feature length and from romantic comedies to hard-hitting documentaries."

In addition to the primary assessment of the musical and film components, the juries also take into consideration how the artists contribute to Edmonton's thriving arts scene.

"Diversity of voice is at the heart of our shared vision for the arts over the next 10 years," says Sanjay Shahani, Executive Director of the Edmonton Arts Council. "The scope of film and music created by this year's shortlisted artists demonstrates the rich well of talent within Edmonton, and the interesting conversations that the arts can inspire."

Launched in 2012, the prizes each award \$10,000 to the winners with a further \$1,000 to the runners-up. The awards are sponsored by the City of Edmonton through the Edmonton Arts Council and administered by Alberta Music and AMPIA.

From these short lists, each jury will select three finalists who will be announced in early January 2019. The winners will be announced at a reception taking place February 5, 2019.

Here are this year's shortlists, in alphabetical order:

Edmonton Music Prize:

Audrey Ochoa
Celeigh Cardinal
Jesse and the Dandelions
Lindsey Walker
Marco Claveria
Nuela Charles
Scenic Route to Alaska
Striker
VISSIA
Zaitsa

Edmonton Film Prize:

Christmas Cupcakes (Dylan Pearce)
Fast Horse (Alexandra Lazarowich)
The Girl Who Talks to the Moon (Rebecca Campbell)
Making Coco: The Grant Fuhr Story (Adam Scorgie)
Peak Oil (Dylan Rhys Howard)
#Roxy (Camille Beaudoin and Eric Rebalkin)
Sophia (Zsafia Opra-Szabo)
Timberwood (Blake McWilliam)
Unmothered (Sans Maman) (Marie-France Guerrette)
Until First Light (Kyle Armstrong)

About Alberta Music

The Alberta Music Industry Association is a non-profit, service-based association dedicated to helping professionals in the music industry to succeed in their careers. We are here to build, connect and inspire a dynamic Alberta music industry.

About Alberta Media Production Industries Association

Alberta Media Production Industries Association (AMPIA) is a non-profit professional association incorporated in 1973. At its inception, its mandate was to support the independent motion picture industry as a viable economic and cultural force within the Province of Alberta. Since that time, the media industry in Canada and the world has changed dramatically and AMPIA continues to play an important role in the media production industry in Alberta. AMPIA is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, elected at an Annual General Meeting.

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. Click here to read Connections & Exchanges – Edmonton's new 10-year arts and heritage plan.

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