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'Delicate Gravity' Leads Palm Springs Shortfest Winners



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Exec director Darryl Macdonald noted that the number of filmmakers increased by 30% this year, and industry participation doubled, with bizzers such as Ted Hope and Kevin Iwashina participating in festival panels and roundtables. The festival and short film market ran from June 18 to 24.

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Best of the festival award, which includes eligibility to submit the film for Oscar consideration, went to **France's** "Delicate Gravity," directed by Philippe Andre, starring **Yvan Attal** and Anne Parillaud.

The Grand Jury award also went to a French film, "Stranger Brothers," directed by Lucas Delangle. The Future Filmmaker award went to **Germany's** "Rhino Full Throttle," directed by Erick Schmitt.

Audience awards included "Walking the Dogs," starring Emma Thompson, for best live-action short and "Not Anymore: A Story of Revolution" for best docu short. Audience favorite animated short went to "A Girl Named Elastika."

Additional jury awards included Best animation short to "Arts & Crafts Spectacular #2"; Best live action short over 15 minutes to "Wild Horses," starring Mireille Enos; Best

live action short under 15 minutes to "We Keep on Dancing" and Best docu short to "Letters from Pyongyang."

For a complete list of winners, go to the Palm Springs Film Fest's website.

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