

## Film News: 'The President' is Top Film at the 2014 Chicago International Film Festival

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CHICAGO – The 50th Chicago International Film Festival announced its award winners in a ceremony at the city's Sofitel Chicago Water Tower on October 17th. The Gold Hugo for "Best Film" went to "The President," a dark satire from Georgia, France, UK, and Germany. This year's jury members for the international feature film competition included Oscar-nominated actress Kathleen Turner and renowned German director Margarethe von Trotta. This festival also marked the introduction of its "Roger Ebert Award," a celebration of rising new directors, which went to director Jorge Pérez Solano for his film "La Tirisia."

Honored films include Niels Arden Oplev's coming-of-age story "Speed Walking," Abderrahmane Sissako's luminous film "Timbuktu," William H. Macy's directorial debut "Rudderless," Chicagoan Marie Ullrich's "The Alley Cat," and more.



#### International Feature Film Competition



Gold Hugo for Best Film: "The President" (Georgia, France, UK, Germany), directed by Mohsen Mahkmalbaf

Silver Hugo - Special Jury Prize: "Refugiado" (Argentina, Colombia, France, Poland, Germany), directed by Diego Lerman

Silver Hugo – Best Director: Abderrahmane Sissako of "Timbuktu" (France, Mauritania)

Silver Hugo – Best Actor: Anton Yelchin, "Rudderless" (USA)

Silver Hugo - Best Actress: Geraldine Chaplin, "Sand Dollars" (Dominican Republic, Mexico)

Silver Hugo – Best Cinematography: John Christian Rosenlund, "1001 Grams" (Norway)

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Silver Hugo - Best Screenplay: Ronit Elkabetz and Shlomi Elkabetz, "Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amsalem" (Israel, France, Germany)

Gold Plaque for Best Art Direction: Mauro Radaelli, "Human Capital" (Italy)

Gold Plaque for Best Costume: Pia Myrdal and Anne-Dorthe Eskildsen, "Speed Walking" (Denmark)

Gold Plaque Special Mention for Originality: "The Owners" (Kazakhstan), Director: Adilkhan Yerzhanov





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Gold Hugo: Director Ronnie Sandahl of "Underdog" (Sweden)

**Silver Hugo** Director Asaf Korman of "Next to Her" (Israel)

Roger Ebert Award Director Jorge Pérez Solano of "La Tirisia" (Mexico)



## Docufest Competition



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Gold Hugo: "Echo of the Mountain" (Mexico), directed by Nicolás Echevarria

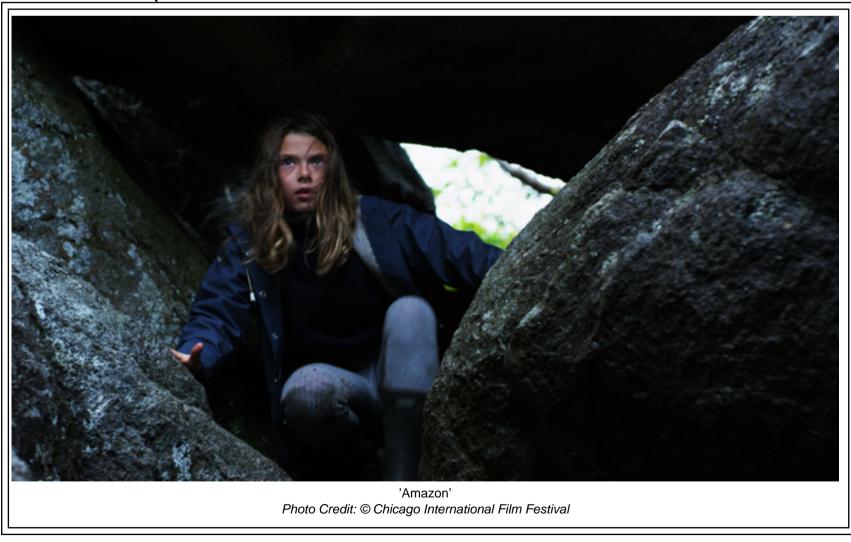




Gold Q Hugo: "Xenia" (Greece), directed by Panos H. Koutras

Silver Q Hugo: "Something Must Break" (Sweden), directed by Ester Martin Bergsmark





Gold Hugo - Best Film: "Amazon" (Norway), directed by Marianne O. Ulrichsen

Silver Hugo - Live Action Short: "In August" (USA), directed by Jenna Hasse



Gold Plaque - Best Student Short "Skunk" (USA), directed by Annie Silverstein

Gold Plaque: "Artun" (Iceland/Denmark), directed by Guomundur Arnar Guomundsson

Silver Plaque: "The Immaculates" (France), directed by Ronny Trocker

Gold Plaque - Best Experimental Short: "Prehistoric Cabaret" (France), directed by Bertrand Mandico

Special Mention: "Washingtonina" (Greece), directed by Konstantina Kotzamani



Short Film Competition: Documentary



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Silver Hugo: "Love. Love." (Russia), directed by Sandhya Daisy Sundaram

Gold Plaque - Special Jury Prize: "Ghost Train" (Australia), directed by James Fleming and Kelly Hucker

Special Mention: "A Paradise" (Cuba), directed by Jayisha Patel



Short Film Competition: Animation





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'Coda'

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Silver Hugo - Best Animated Short Film: "Coda" (Ireland), directed by Alan Holly

Gold Plaque - Special Jury Prize: "Symphony No. 42" (Hungary), directed by Réka Bucsi

Silver Plaque: "Drifting" (USA), directed by Joel Benjamin

Special Mention: "Man on the Chair" (South Korea), directed by Jeong Dahee



The Intercom Awards honor a wide range of corporate-sponsored, educational, and branded films.

Gold Hugo: "The Art of the Pit Stop" (Germany) from Kemper Kommunikation GmbH



The Chicago Award

Best Chicago/Illinois Based Film: "The Alley Cat" (USA), directed by Marie Ullrich



The Founder's Award

This is a special recognition from the Founder of the Chicago International Film Festival, Michael Kutza

Founder's Award: Michael Keaton in "Birdman" (USA), directed by Alejandro González Iñárritu

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