

Film News: Midwest Independent Film Festival 'Best of the Midwest' on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016

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CHICAGO – On Tuesday, December 6th, the Midwest Independent Film Festival will award their 2016 “Best of the Midwest” honors with a ceremony at Rockit Bar & Grill, 22 W. Hubbard, in Chicago. The evening will be hosted by Festival Director Mike McNamara, and nominees include the short film “Lady of the House” (directed by Brad Bischoff), plus feature films “Mad” (directed by Robert Putka), and “My Friend’s Rubber Ducky” (directed by Josh Hyde).



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The Midwest Independent Film Festival is a year-round movie event in Chicago that takes place the first Tuesday of every month, at the Landmark Century Centre Cinema. The festival has been recognized by *Chicago Magazine* in their “Best of Chicago” issue, and has become one of the top places for local filmmakers, producers and actors to network in the city. The “Best of the Midwest” Awards has a number of [TV & FILM guests](#) [21] scheduled to attend.

The nominees for the 2016 “Best of the Midwest” Awards are as follows....

**Best Music Video**

MY DAY, directed by Eric McCoy for Devin Kirtz

NO MATTER WHERE WE GO, directed by Alan Del Rio Ortiz for Whitney

GIVING UP ON YOU, directed by Alan Del Rio Ortiz for Wild Belle

REMEMORATION, directed by Phillip Montgomery for Daylight Robbery

EGO WRECKING BALL, directed by Stephen Pell and Seth Johnson for The Bangups

HERMIT, directed by Jenna Caravello for Cloud Becomes Your Hand

**Best Short Film**

LADY OF THE HOUSE, directed by Brad Bischoff

CHEKHOV, directed by Jack Dunphy

SHIP DREAMS, directed by Corinne Anderson

NO OTHER WAY TO SAY IT, directed by Tim Mason

EXONERATED, directed by Andy Goodwin

GAS, directed by Steve Delahoyde

CRYSTAL LAKE, directed by Jennifer Reeder

AN EVENING AT ANGELO'S, directed by Kara Mulrooney

**Best Editing**

Mike Berg, NO OTHER WAY TO SAY IT

Mark Helenowski and Kevin Pang, FOR GRACE

Ben Measor, MAD

Josh Hyde and Evan Smith, MY FRIEND'S RUBBER DUCKY

Brad Besser, BEAVER TRILOGY PART IV

**Best Cinematography**

Christopher Rejano, CRYSTAL LAKE

John Anderson Beavers, VICTOR

Marcin Szalkowski, WRITTEN OFF

David Wagenaar, GUIDANCE

Dan Fischer, MY FRIEND'S RUBBER DUCKY

**Best Artistic Specialization**

Sandro Miller, Jonathan Caustrita and Ryan Gilbert, Animation/Compositing, HELL

Cristen Leifheit, Stop-Motion Animation, YELLOW GOLD

Leftchannel, CG Animation, FRED

Sarah Fornace, Drew Dir and Julia Miller, Shadow Puppetry, THE BLOW-UP BRA

Merje Veski, Production Design, MY FRIEND'S RUBBER DUCKY

Brian Leitner and Sam Fishkin, Sound Design/Mixing, HELL

**Best Screenplay**

Mia McCullough, PARALLEL

Tim Mason, NO OTHER WAY TO SAY IT

Robert Putka, MAD

Bex Marsh and Eddie Mujica, WATERBOY

Nnamdi Ngwe, JULIUS

Jo Scott and Jeff Murdoch, CURFEUD

Steve Delahoyde, GAS

**Best Female Actor**

Fawzia Mirza, SPUNKLE

Sue Salvi and Megan Kellie, NO OTHER WAY TO SAY IT

Puja Mohindra, GEETA'S GUIDE TO MOVING ON

Amy Frazzini, GUIDANCE

Jo Scott, CURFEUD

Julie Greenberg, DEMOCRACY IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

**Best Male Actor**

T.J. Jagodowski and David Pasquesi, TJ & DAVE

Alex Hardaway, MY FRIEND'S RUBBER DUCKY

Jose Antonio Garcia, WRITTEN OFF

Ryan Kitley, GUIDANCE

Peter DeFaria, PARALLEL

Matty Ryan, WHO GETS THE DOG?

Antoine McKay, WRITTEN OFF

★ **Best Director**

Mark Helenowski and Kevin Pang, FOR GRACE
Robert Putka, MAD
Tim Mason, NO OTHER WAY TO SAY IT
Jennifer Reeder, CRYSTAL LAKE
Brad Besser, BEAVER TRILOGY PART IV
Corinne Anderson, SHIP DREAMS
Brad Bischoff, LADY OF THE HOUSE

★ **Best Feature**

BEAVER TRILOGY PART IV, directed by Brad Besser
MAD, directed by Robert Putka
FOR GRACE, directed by Mark Helenowski and Kevin Pang
WHO GETS THE DOG?, directed by Huck Botko
KILLING THEM SAFELY, directed by Nick Berardini
MY FRIEND'S RUBBER DUCKY, directed by Josh Hyde

The 2016 "Best of the Midwest" Awards, presented by the Midwest Independent Film Festival, will be Tuesday, December 6th, 7pm, at Rockit Bar & Grill, 22 W. Hubbard Street, Chicago. For more information and to purchase tickets to the event [click here](#). [22]



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