

Film News: ‘CODA’ is Top Film at 2021 Sundance Film Festival

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CHICAGO – The 2021 Sundance Film Festival will be long remembered as the “virtual” version due to the pandemic, but there are always the real films, and the festival announced their competition honorees on February 2nd, in a virtual ceremony hosted by comedian Patton Oswalt.

After six days, 73 feature films and 50 Short Films, the Grand Jury Prizes were awarded to “Coda” (U.S. Dramatic) ... CODA is an acronym for Child of Deaf Adults, and highlights the character of Ruby. “Summer of Soul (...Or, When The Revolution Could Not Be Televised)” (U.S. Documentary) ... the “Black Woodstock” of Harlem in the same Summer of 1969. “Flee” (World Cinema Documentary) ... a child immigrant grows up to be a respected academic, but still harbors a secret. And “Hive” (World Cinema Dramatic) ... a woman has a husband missing in action during the Kosovo war – should she continue to support herself or wait?

The list of all award winners are below.



Grand Jury Prize



CODA

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U.S. Documentary: “Summer of Soul (...Or, When The Revolution Could Not Be Televised),” directed by Ahmir “Questlove” Thompson

U.S. Dramatic: “CODA” directed by Sian Heder

World Cinema Documentary: “Flee” (Denmark/France/Sweden/Norway) directed by Jonas Poher Rasmussen

World Cinema Dramatic:: “Hive” (Kosovo/Switzerland/Macedonia/Albania) directed by Blerta Basholli



Special Jury Awards



Jockey

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U.S. Dramatic, Ensemble Cast: “CODA”

U.S. Dramatic, Best Actor: “Jockey” featuring Clifton Collins Jr.

U.S. Documentary, Emerging Filmmaker: “Cusp” directed by Parker Hill and Isabel Bethencourt

U.S. Documentary, Nonfiction Experimentation: “All Light Everywhere” directed by Theo Anthony

World Cinema, Vérité Filmmaking: “President” directed by Camilla Nielsson

World Cinema, Impact for Change Documentary: “Writing with Fire” (India) directed by Rintu Thomas and Sushmit Ghosh

World Cinema, Acting: “Luzzu” (Malta) featuring Jesmark Scicluna

World Cinema Dramatic: “One for the Road” (China/Hong Kong/Thailand) directed by Baz Poonpiriya



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Cryptozoo, Directed by Dash Shaw
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★ Short Film Awards



Lizard
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Grand Jury: "Lizard" (UK), directed by Akinola Davies, Jr.

Jury – U.S. Fiction: "The Touch of the Master's Hand" directed by Gregory Barnes

Jury – International Fiction: "Bambirak" (USA/Germany), directed by Zamarin What

Jury – Nonfiction: “Don’t Go Tellin’ Your Mama” (USA/Germany/France/Italy), directed by Topaz Jones and rubber band

Jury – Animated: “Souvenir” (France), directed by Bastien Dubois

Special Jury – Acting: “Wiggle Room (USA), directed by Sam Guest and Julia Baylis

Special Jury – Screenwriting: “The Criminals” (France/Romania/Turky), written/directed by Serhat Karaasian

Questlove accepts the Audience Award for “Summer of Soul” ...

The virtual 2021 Sundance Film Festival will take place January 28th through February 3rd. The Award Winners will be available for download on February 3rd, 2021. For tickets, schedule and all information click on [Festival.Sundance.org](https://htf.festival.sundance.org) [23]



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