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#### Emerging Talents Triumph: London Rolling Film Festival 2023 Unveils Award Recipients

**LONDON, 15th August 2023** — The 13th edition of the London Rolling Film Festival (LRFF) wrapped up celebrating an impressive 12% surge in participation.

Nestled within the iconic halls of VUE Cinema Piccadilly, the festival drew a diverse array of filmmakers from both the UK and international locales, including India, Kurdistan, Texas, and Italy. This eclectic convergence demonstrated the festival's ability to transcend borders, becoming a vibrant melting pot of global cinematic expression.

An unparalleled global mandate ensures every screened film is presented by its filmmaker, highlighting the festival's commitment to fostering industry networking.

Award Winners:

- **Best Short Film (Jury Award):** “Stay Behind” by Federica Schiavello
- **Best Short Film (Audience Award):** “Speaker” by Alan Hamwan
- **Best Director:** Alan Hamwan for “Speaker”
- **Best Performance:** Lottie Bell for “Night Moves”
- **Best Music Score:** Dan Light for “The Cocoon”
- **Best Screenplay:** David Shen Miller for “The Cocoon”
- **Best Cinematography:** Paolo Bischi for “Stay Behind”
- **Best Production Design:** Rosi Stamp for “Sonar”
- **Best Makeup and Hairstyling:** Addy Frame for “Sonar”
- **Best Costume Design:** Vicky Turner for “Stay Behind”
- **Best Casting:** Ilenka Jelowicki and Maddy Hinton for “A Mind Full”
- **Kimberley Marren Recognition Award:** Sarah Leigh (Inclusivity Films) in recognition of her exceptional achievements in inclusivity in the film industry.

Mike Smith, documentary producer for notable channels including BBC and Channel 4, and executive producer of BBC2's recent "David Harewood on Blackface", shared pivotal guidance with emerging filmmakers at the festival's Pitch Corner sessions.

Tom Paton, with nine feature films to his name and a focus on integrating Artificial Intelligence in film, discussed the ethical dynamics of AI in filmmaking, echoing his belief: “If you’re chasing the bandwagon, then you’ve already missed it.”

Festival Director Alida Pantone expressed profound pride in the festival's growing influence, emphasizing how it has evolved into a dynamic hub for emerging cinematic voices. *"The global footprint of our festival reflects the transcendent power of storytelling, uniting artists and audiences across continents,"* Pantone remarked.

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#### About the London Rolling Film Festival:

Born as a fusion of film screenings and industry networking, LRFF has consistently achieved a 5-star rating on Festival Freeway. Its unique commitment to filmmaker presence distinguishes it in the cinematic landscape.