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LONDON ROLLING FILM FESTIVAL XV ANNOUNCES AWARD WINNERS

5–7 September 2025 – Vue Piccadilly & The Queens Head, London

London, UK – 7 September 2025 – The London Rolling Film Festival (LRFF) last night presented the winners of its fifteenth edition during the **award ceremony at VUE Piccadilly**.

The 2025 edition welcomed a **packed red carpet** featuring UK and international filmmakers alongside celebrated actors, producers, and **Emmy® Award-winners**, reinforcing LRFF’s reputation as one of London’s most vibrant boutique festivals for independent cinema.

Today, the festival concludes with **“A Coffee With... Marcia Kimpton”** at **The Queens Head Piccadilly**, followed by the **Closing Party**.

Award Winners – London Rolling Film Festival XV

Recognition & Special Mentions

- *Kimberly Marren Recognition Award: Megan Lockhurst*
- *Honourable Mention: **Collage** by Marius Conrotto*
- *Honourable Mention: **An American Abroad** by Marcia Kimpton*

Craft & Technical Awards

- *Best Costume Design: **Joachim and the Apocalypse** (Daniele Gelsi)*
- *Best Make-up & Hairstyling: **This Damnation** (Karen Hartley Thomas)*
- *Best Casting: **Discesa Libera** & tie **Keep Young and Beautiful***
- *Best Music Score: **Take My Heart***
- *Best Production Design: **Buio Come il Cuore** (Karine B Mascarenhas)*
- *Best Cinematography: **Buio Come il Cuore** (Cristian Mantio)*

Performance & Writing Awards

- *Best Performance: **Sandro Torella** (**Discesa Libera**) & tie **Reece Henderson** (**49 Miles More**)*

- *Best Screenplay: Sandro Torella (Discesa Libera) & tie Ken Abalos, Ash Meshkati (Easy Sell)*

Direction & Genre Awards

- *Best Animation: **The Light in the Dark** by YuFeng Chiu*
- *Best Director: **Marco De Luca** (*Buio Come il Cuore*)*

Top Prizes

- *True Spark Award: **Discesa Libera** by Sandro Torella*
- *Best Feature Film: **Buio Come il Cuore** by Marco De Luca*
- *Best Short Film (Jury): **This Damnation** by Russell De Rozario*
- *Best Short Film (Audience – Cash Prize by Donation): **This Damnation** by Russell De Rozario*

Festival Founder and Director **Alida Pantone** said:

“Our fifteenth edition has been a milestone for the festival. The winners represent the creativity, passion, and resilience of independent filmmakers worldwide. I want to thank our dedicated jurors and partners for their invaluable support in making this edition such a success.”

Thanks

LRFF extends its gratitude to the **jury panel – David Nicholas Wilkinson, Mark Rance, Stephanie Takyi, and Nazmun Nesa Piari** – for their expertise and commitment, and to festival partners including **The Queens Head Piccadilly, Yes She Cannes, The Fan Carpet, Complitaly, Live London Post, Pzaz, Gem, Scene Screen, and Saturnia Film Festival** for their support.

Notes to Editors

The **London Rolling Film Festival** is known for its intimate atmosphere and unique format, requiring filmmakers to attend in person. Its mission is to **Connect, Inspire, Support**, captured in its motto: **Stay Focused and Keep Rolling**.

Festival website: <https://rollingfilmfestival.com/>

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