

## WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT THE FIRST ANNUAL FILMIT AWARDS

On Thursday evening 9 December the nominees of the high school short film competition Filmit came together at Atlantic Studios in Cape Town to celebrate the conclusion of Filmit 2021 and to find out who the winners in each category are. The excitement of the learners was tangible. They had the opportunity to rub shoulders with actors and Filmit mentors Deon Lotz and Nicole Fortuin, who both supported Filmit by attending. The learners enjoyed the privilege to meet Suidooster stars Dean Smith and Natasha van der Merwe too. A special moment was when producer Bradley Joshua (Gambit Films owner and Filmit judge) visited the studio to meet and congratulate some of the winners in person. He will be mentoring some of these winners in the new year. The representative of Filmit's main sponsors (Atterbury and WeBuyCars) – Marques Bosch (WeBuyCars) - attended the event to officially announce and hand over the award for the Best Film winner(s).

Zia Geldenhuys (Hoër Meisieskool Bloemhof) wrote, directed, edited and produced the short film 'Theatre Kid'. She walked away with 5 awards, including the main prize of Best Film 2021. Her fellow team member and only actress in the film (who was also nominated for 'Best Actress') - Luchuané Hechter – attend the event with her. Zia Geldenhuys won in the following categories: Best Film, Best Music Editor, Best Special Effects and Creativity On Set, Best Editing and Best Screenplay.

Actress Logan Davids (Mitchell's Plain High School) walked away with the Best Actress Award for her role in the short film 'Too bright to shine'. Her excitement was infectious, especially when she met her appointed mentor – the actress Nicole Fortuin – known for her roles in 'Blood & Water', 'Alles Malan', 'Die Boekklub' and the movie 'Flatland' on Netflix. Davids also received the Best Ensemble Award on behalf of her fellow actors at Mitchell's Plain High School. This group of young actors will be receiving mentorship from the veteran actress Antoinette Kellerman.

Worcester Gymnasium impressed Filmit's panel of judges due to the high production and broadcasting quality of their documentary 'Conflict: a journey to passion'. The learners were surprised by their two wins and the 'Special Jury Award' - which was appointed to them by the panel of judges. Jaeden Beukes received the award for Best Director and Hope Dliiso for Best Original Song.

Paul Roos Gymnasium also walked away with two awards. Ian Lubbe won the Best Poster Award and Christiaan Heydenrych the Best Original Soundtrack Award.

All categories and winners are listed on Page 2

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## FILMIT 2021 WINNERS

Best Film: Zia Geldenhuys, Theatre Kid, Hoër Meisieskool Bloemhof

Best Director: Jaeden Beukes, Conflict: A Journey to Passion, Worcester Gymnasium

Best Screenwriter: Zia Geldenhuys, Theatre Kid, Hoër Meisieskool Bloemhof

Best Cinematography: Michael Lighton, Cascade, Rondebosch Boys' High

Best Editor: Zia Geldenhuys, Theatre Kid, Hoër Meisieskool Bloemhof

Best Special Effects and Creativity on Set: Zia Geldenhuys, Theatre Kid, Hoër Meisieskool Bloemhof

Best Poster Design: Ian Lubbe, Duwweltjie, Paul Roos Gymnasium

Best Wardrobe: Riyago Maartens, A Magician Never Reveals His Secrets, Curro Durbanville

Best Original Sound: Hope Dliso, Conflict: a journey to passion, Worcester Gymnasium

Best Original Soundtrack: Christiaan Heydenrych: Duwweltjie, Paul Roos Gymnasium

Best Music Editor: Zia Geldenhuys, Theatre Kid, Hoër Meisieskool Bloemhof

Best Actress: Logan Davids, Too bright to shine, Mitchell's Plain High School

Best Supporting Actress: Isabella Cupido, A Magician Never Reveals His Secrets, Curro Durbanville

Best Actor: Xavier Griqua, Status Bewus, Kalahari High School

Best Supporting Actor: Tristan Badenhorst, The Gingerbread House, Afrikaanse Hoër Meisieskool

Beste Ensemble: Too bright to shine, Mitchell's Plain High School

Special Jury Award: Conflict: a journey to passion, Worcester Gymnasium

Photos attached

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