

Jim Thorpe Independent Film Festival Celebrates Record Attendance With Top Honors Handed to Riveting Films



Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Apr 29, 2024 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - The Jim Thorpe Independent Film Festival (JTIFF) concluded its latest edition on Sunday, April 21, 2024, making it the most successful and well-attended festival in its history.

The festival's closing gala was a resounding success, with a packed house treated to the spellbinding performances of Dani Long Legs and her eclectic circus; creating an atmosphere of magic and wonder. Adding to the excitement, the Pocono Television Network was on hand to cover the event, ensuring that the festival's highlights would reach audiences far and wide.

The festival's musical partnership with Great Circles wowed festival goers with the lineup featuring some of Eraserhood Sound's hottest musical talents. These included the electrifying opening act, STEREO LEAGUE and Saturday's musical performance, which showcased the soulful sounds of ANGELO OUTLAW.

Amidst the festivities, top honors were bestowed upon outstanding cinematic achievements. Among the winners were "Ghostlight" for Best Feature Film, directed by Kelly O'Sullivan and Alex Thompson, and "The Retreat" by Emmett Kerr-Perkinson, which clinched the title of Best US Short Film. Nicole Riegel's exceptional direction in "Dandelion" earned her the award for Best Director – Narrative Feature, while the film also garnered recognition for its stellar performances, as KiKi Layne won Best Actress. The Best Actor category accolade was given to Keith Kupferer for his poignant performance in "Ghostlight". Annick Blanc's captivating screenplay for "Hunting Daze" (Canada) was honored with the

award for Best Screenplay – Feature Film; adding another dimension to the festival's celebration of outstanding talent. In addition to the juried awards, the audience overwhelmingly chose "Hunting Daze" by Annick Blanc (Canada) for the Audience Award, highlighting its widespread appeal and impact.

With record attendance and a plethora of exceptional films and events, the Jim Thorpe Independent Film Festival closed on a high note. To see more of the festival highlights or stay advised of the upcoming 2025 dates, visit: [Jim Thorpe Independent Film Festival \(jimthorpeindiefilmfest.com\)](http://jimthorpeindiefilmfest.com).

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