

## **Winners of the 2023 Vortex Sci-Fi, Fantasy, and Horror Film Festival:**

### **BEST HORROR SHORT:**

#### **GRAND PRIZE:**

"The Heritage" | directed by Andrew Rutter | United Kingdom

#### **FIRST PRIZE:**

"Maggie" | directed by James Kennedy | United Kingdom

### **BEST SCI-FI SHORT FILM:**

#### **GRAND PRIZE:**

"WINTER BLOOM" | directed by: Ivan Krupenikov | Poland

#### **FIRST PRIZE:**

"CLONE" | directed by: Dustin Curtis Murphy | United States

#### **TIED WITH:**

"Awake" | directed by Francesco Paolo Cordaro, Andrea Cordaro | United States

### **BEST FANTASY SHORT:**

#### **GRAND PRIZE:**

"Lost in the Sky" | directed by: Simon Oster | Sweden

#### **FIRST PRIZE:**

"The Jellyfish Man" | directed by: Ben Davis | United States

### **BEST ANIMATED SHORT:**

#### **GRAND PRIZE:**

"Primogeniture" | directed by: Savanna Menzel | United States

#### **FIRST PRIZE:**

"The Future's Past" | directed by: Chris W. Smith, Jack De Sena | United States

### **BEST HORROR COMEDY SHORT:**

#### **GRAND PRIZE:**

"Hide Your Crazy" | directed by Austin Kase | United States

#### **FIRST PRIZE:**

"High End Dying" | directed by Helen Liu | Canada

#### **TIED WITH**

"Fck'n Nuts" | directed by Sam Fox | United States

### **BEST SCI-FI COMEDY SHORT:**

#### **GRAND PRIZE:**

"Pear" | directed by Betsy Kenney | United States

#### **FIRST PRIZE:**

"PARTNR" | directed by Kaylin Rizer Allshouse | United States

### **BEST HORROR FEATURE:**

#### **GRAND PRIZE:**

"Abruptio" | directed by Evan Marlowe | United States

#### **FIRST PRIZE:**

"Saint Drogo" | directed by Michael J. Ahern, Ryan Miller, Brandon Perras-Sanchez | United States

### **BEST SCI-FI FEATURE;**

#### **GRAND PRIZE:**

"Coyote" | directed by Dustin Curtis Murphy | United Kingdom

#### **FIRST PRIZE:**

"Prime Orbit" | directed by Gustavo Cosenza | Costa Rica



**BEST FANTASY FEATURE:**

**GRAND PRIZE:**

"Kick me" | directed Gary Huggins | United States

**FIRST PRIZE:**

"That cold dead look in your eyes" | directed by Onur Tukul | United States

**BEST DIRECTOR:**

**GRAND PRIZE:**

"Welcome Home Eugene!" | directed by Noah Jorgensen | United States

**BEST SCREENPLAY:**

**GRAND PRIZE:**

"The Hand That Feeds" | directed by Helen Hideko | Austria

**DIRECTORIAL DISCOVERY AWARD:**

**GRAND PRIZE:**

"Splinter" | directed by Marc Bernardin | United States

**BEST ORIGINAL SCORE:**

**GRAND PRIZE:**

"Entrainment" | directed by Bill Prokopow | United States

**BEST SPECIAL EFFECTS:**

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