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The 2019 Vermont International Film Festival announces The Made Here Showcase

Burlington, VT: (Oct 2): VTIFF and Vermont PBS are pleased to announce the 2019 regional filmmakers showcase. The Showcase is a partnership between VTIFF and Vermont PBS in collaboration with White River Indie Festival (WRIF). The Made Here Showcase includes films from Northern New England (VT, ME, NH, NY and MA) and Québec. The Showcase will open at the Vermont International Film Festival October 16th through Oct 18th and will travel to WRIF for the weekend of Nov 1 through Nov 3.

The Made Here Showcase is competitive. A jury of six people previewed and judged the 61 submissions, of which 27 were selected from all six regions. Screenings will be accompanied by Q&As with the visiting filmmakers, including five filmmakers from Québec City and Montreal.

The Made Here Showcase is the only competitive section of VTIFF and the awards will be announced Friday, Oct 18 at 7pm before the Opening Night of VTIFF.

The Awards, all sponsored, are:

- * Northfield Savings Bank James Goldstone Award, \$1,000 cash award given to the most promising Filmmaker. This award was originally founded and funded by E W Stetson to honor James Goldstone, Vermont's first film commissioner.
- * Vermont PBS Made Here Award, \$500 cash prize for Best Documentary
- * Zero Gravity Award, \$500 cash prize for the Most Innovative film.
- * Hawk Award, \$350 cash prize for Best Screenplay, sponsored by Hawk Ostby.



- * Hotel Vermont Award, \$250 cash prize, for a film that creates the Best Sense of Place.
- * Urban Rhino Award, \$250 cash prize given for Best Cinematography.
- * Media Factory Audience Favorite Award, \$500 by popular ballot.

This celebration of film from the Northeastern United and Canada takes place in Burlington at the Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center - Film House and at WRIF at the Briggs Opera House.

Films selected to the Showcase are eligible for broadcast on Vermont PBS.

Eric Ford, Director of Programming from Vermont PBS says: “We are very excited to partner with VTIFF and WRIF this year to present some of the best films from the region. Through our weekly TV series Made Here, we’ve shown many award-winning local VTIFF films, so it made perfect sense to join forces on this showcase.”

The full line up of films and schedule can be seen on **[vtiff.org/events/ made-here-showcase](http://vtiff.org/events/made-here-showcase)**.

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