



Cinema St. Louis announces winners of sixth Cinema at Citygarden juried competition



(MENAFN - PRL) Cinema at Citygarden – a biennial program organized by Cinema St. Louis (CSL) and funded by the Gateway Foundation – is pleased to announce the winners of its sixth juried competition. The competition was open to St. Louis-area filmmakers. Participants created short works that incorporated Nature as a key element. The three-person jury for the competition consisted of Kamau Bilal, a documentarian ("Baby Brother," "Crown Candy," "What Kind of Man") and an assistant professor of film studies at UM-Columbia; native St. Louisan Jim Finn, an avant-garde filmmaker ("The Drunkard's Lament," "The Juche Idea," "Interkosmos") and an associate professor of film and video at the Pratt Institute; and native St. Louisan Jane Gillooly, a filmmaker of experimental documentaries and narratives ("Where the Pavement Ends," "Suitcase of Love and Shame," "Today the Hawk Takes One Chick") and a professor of media arts at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University. The three winning works, whose filmmakers receive cash prizes, are the following:

First-Place Award (\$1,500): "Word Play"

By Brittanie A. Goldsby, Jon Taylor, DOA Ron G., Ackurate, Carleone Carle, Terrell Blaze, Tank the Machine, Kyarra L.A., Viva La Fame, and Mazzy Talks

Brittanie A. Goldsby and Jon Taylor team up to gain insight into who is on the rise in St. Louis, how they've developed as artists, and how they continue to evolve the sound of music in the Midwest.

Jury Comments: We all agreed "Word Play" had a lot of heart and really surprised us. The "Game of Thrones" knockoff title sequence going to a guy singing on a tank then to the conference-table rap and a Bressonian montage of black St. Louis just blew our minds. We thought of the way that nature is seen in the middle of the city — through parks with special vehicle displays, as design elements for parking lots, or just trees in a backyard.

Second-Place Award (\$1,000): "Green Lemon Buggy"

By the Opera Bell Band and co-directors Jess Adkins and Shane Devine

Jessica Adkins and Shane Devine are members of the Opera Bell Band. Adkins is a Ph.D. candidate in philosophy, and Devine is an upholstery apprentice.

Jury Comments: "Green Lemon Buggy" was the kind of film that we saw as kids in the '80s or '70s on KPLR-TV and had a nice message about eating vegetables and keeping the rabbits away. With original music, singing, and construction-paper animation, we thought it had the whole package. Bravo!

Third-Place Award (\$500): "The Exchange Student"

By Nathan Bowman and the Hazelwood North Middle School Filmmaking Club

Nathan Bowman is a teacher of eighth-grade English language arts and founder of the Hazelwood North Middle School Filmmaking Club, which has been creating films starring middle-schoolers since 2013.

Jury Comments: As an eighth-grade student film, "The Exchange Student" is amazing. We especially loved the message of the film. We want to give a special mention to Talienna Sanders for her role as the Future Exchange Student. We thought she gave a moving Afro-futurist performance worthy of Octavia Butler and N.K. Jemisin. In addition, seven other competition films will be featured as part of the video-wall presentation: "Art Hill," by Patrick Delhougne "GroundLess," by Jerod Welker "Instar," by Coalfather Industries "Menagerie," by Ken Koste "Nature of Sound," by Jon Alexander "Pizzicato," by Zlatko Ćosić "St. Louis," by Dylan Kuehner The program will debut on Citygarden's video wall on Friday, May 31. The videos will play on a loop from 5-10 p.m. daily through the end of June. Cinema St. Louis will also screen the three competition winners — as well as other Cinema at Citygarden competition entries chosen by CSL — as part of the Whitaker St. Louis Filmmakers Showcase, held July 12-14 and 19-21 at Washington U.'s Brown Hall. Those films will then be eligible for consideration by the Whitaker St. Louis International Film Festival, held Nov. 7-17. **See full story at link below**

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St. Louis Community Foundation Awards \$3 Million in Grants from Bridgeton Landfill Community Project Fund

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[The St. Louis Community Foundation](#) is pleased to announce the first grant recipients from the Bridgeton Landfill Community Project Fund. Just over \$3 million has been awarded from this fund to area nonprofits with projects or initiatives dedicated to the betterment of the environment, health, safety, and the welfare of the people in the communities near the Bridgeton Landfill.

“The St. Louis Community Foundation is proud to work with the communities around the Bridgeton Landfill to bring additional and innovative programming to the area,” said Amelia Bond, president and CEO of the St. Louis Community Foundation. “We have had an overwhelming response to the Fund, both as we were exploring how best to use the resources and in response to this first funding opportunity.”

Public safety grants totaling \$1.26 million were awarded to the following:

- The Pattonville Fire Protection District – The Fire Protection District will purchase an industrial pumper truck for specialized firefighting needs throughout the area.
- St. Louis County Local Emergency Planning Committee – NOAA two-way radios and emergency kits will be purchased for residents.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Grants

More than \$1.7 million is designated for the following organizations to fund initiatives relating to mental health and substance abuse services:

Alive & Well Communities for activating healing in the Hazelwood West Middle School and surrounding community through Community Consultants

- Behavioral Health Network for the Bridgeton Intensive Outreach Project
- Boys & Girls Club of St. Charles County for the Healthy Habits Program
- CHADS Coalition for mental health school outreach
- NCADA for the Prevention First initiative
- Pattonville School District for staffing support for social-emotional needs
- Room at the Inn for overcoming mental health & trauma issues for homeless women
- St. Louis Crisis Nursery for the Family Empowerment Program
- University of Missouri, St. Louis – Center for Behavioral Health for psychological evaluation and trauma assessment

Small Community-Based Grants

A total of \$70,000 was awarded to the following community organizations to fund environment or public health initiatives.

- Bridgeway Elementary School for a sensory garden
- Congregation of the Mission Western Province for the clearing of brush and regrading drainage ditches

Garrett Elementary for an outdoor classroom

- Harmony Inc. St. Louis Chordinals for Singing for Health program
- H.E.A.L.: STOP HEROIN Inc. for general operating support
- Loaves and Fishes for St. Louis Inc. for emergency shelter and food pantry
- MBCH Children and Family Ministries for the MBCH counseling center
- Pattonville Early Childhood PTO for a playground
- Pattonville R-III School District for Pattonville youth garden

See complete story on the link below