

Ottawa Winners: 'Hipopotamy,' 'Seth's Dominion' Win Top Prizes

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Veteran Polish filmmaker Piotr Dumala won the short film grand prize for *Hipopotamy* at the Ottawa International Animation Festival, which wrapped up its 2014 edition yesterday. Dumala's film is described as: "A few naked women and children are bathing in a river. They are being secretly observed by a group of men, who, at one point, decide to approach them, in a violent manner, as if inspired by the behaviour of hippopotamuses."

The grand prize for feature film was awarded to Luc Chamberland for his live-action/animation documentary *Seth's Dominion* about the life of Canadian cartoonist Seth. Produced by the National Film Board of Canada, the feature had its world premiere at Ottawa. Chamberland speaks about the film in this *Ottawa Citizen* interview. A complete list of Ottawa 2014 winners is below:

The Nelvana 2014 GRAND PRIZE for Best Short Animation

Hipopotamy by Piotr Dumala (Poland)

Honorable Mention

Butter Ya' Self by Julian Petschek (USA)

The 2014 GRAND PRIZE for Best Animated Feature

Seth's Dominion by Luc Chamberland (Canada)

The 2014 Canadian Film Institute (CFI) Award for Best Canadian Animation

1000 Plateaus (2004-2014) by Steve Woloshen

Honorable Mention

Soif by Michele Cournoyer

MTL Rush by Matthieu Guimond

Sony Pictures Animation Public Prize

We Can't Live Without Cosmos by Konstantin Bronzit (Russia)

Best Narrative Short Animation

Marilyn Myller by Mikey Please (UK & United States)

Honorable Mention

Phantom Limb by Alex Grigg (UK & Australia)

Best Laika Experimental / Abstract Animation

Eager by Allison Schulnik (USA)

Honorable Mention