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**39th Annual Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival
Announces the 2024 Award Winners**

The 39th year of the [Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival](#) (FLIFF) which featured 100 films & documentaries, including (8) world premieres and (17) U.S. premieres during the 10-day festival have announced their FLIFF award winners. The recipients of the 2024 FLIFF Awards are *Riverboom* (Best Documentary) *Beyond Triathlon* (FLIFF People’s Choice Awards); *No Address* (FLIFF President’s Award), *The Wingwalker* (Best Feature); Joe Cortese (Best Actor, *Here’s Gianni!*); Julia Ormond (Best Actress, *Here’s Gianni!*); Alonso Alvarez Barreda (Best Director, *The Wingwalker*)

“At FLIFF, we are incredibly thankful for all the filmmakers, actors, directors and producers who participated in this year’s festival and for the audience who continues to support FLIFF each year. In 2025, the best is yet to come during our 40th anniversary,” says FLIFF President & CEO, Steve Savor.

The 2024 FLIFF awards for films, actors, directors and achievements are as follows:

FLIFF / PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARD:

- ***Beyond Triathlon***

FLIFF / PRESIDENT’S AWARD:

- ***No Address***

BEST ACTOR:

- **JOE CORTESE in *Here’s Gianni!***

BEST ACTOR / SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENTS AWARDS:

- **OMAR CHAPPARO in *The Wingwalker***

BEST ACTRESS:

- **JULIA ORMOND in *Here’s Gianni!***

BEST ACTRESS / SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENTS AWARDS:

- **ANAMARIA VARTOLOMEI in *Being Maria***
- **BEHDOKHT VALIAN in *Junks & Dolls***

BEST DOCUMENTARY:

- ***Riverboom***



BEST DOCUMENTARY / SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENTS AWARDS:

- *Beyond Triathlon*
- *Bob Mackie: Naked Illusion*
- *Playing The Changes*
- *Red Fever*
- *The Shape of Things*

BEST FEATURE:

- *The Wingwalker*

BEST FEATURE / SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENTS AWARDS:

- *Black Dog*
- *Color Book*
- *Butterflies*
- *Here's Yianni!*
- *Queen of The Ring*
- *Robot T-0*
- *Thank you Places!*

BEST DIRECTOR:

- **ALONSO ALVAREZ BARREDA** for *The Wingwalker*

BEST DIRECTOR / SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENTS AWARDS:

- **CHRISTINA ELIOPOULOS** for *Here's Yianni!*

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

- Joe Cortese: FLIFF Lifetime Achievement Award – *Here's Yianni!*
- Bob Mackie: FLIFF Lifetime Achievement – *Bob Mackie: "Naked Illusion"*
- Bobby Roth: FLIFF Lifetime Achievement – *Good Men*
- John Savage: FLIFF Lifetime Achievement – *Beyond the Rush*
- Francesca Eastwood: FLIFF Star on the Horizon – *Queen of the Ring*
- Emily Bett Rickards: FLIFF Star on the Horizon – *Queen of the Ring*
- Gavin Casalegno: FLIFF Star on the Horizon – *Queen of the Ring*
- Sofia Vassilieva: FLIFF Star on the Horizon – *Here's Yianni!*

The 39th Annual [Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival](https://www.fliff.com) (FLIFF) ran from Friday, Nov. 8 to Nov. 17, offering a diverse array of galas, special presentations, film features, documentaries and short films. Visit [FLIFF.com](https://www.fliff.com) for more about the 40th anniversary of FLIFF in 2025.