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4th Lunenburg Doc Fest wraps-up with standing room only crowds.

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia – The fourth Lunenburg Doc Fest went out with a bang on Sunday evening at Lunenburg Opera House. The Canadian Premiere of “Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story” packed the hall.

The largest crowds to date attended the festival, which presented 4 days of documentary shorts, features and related industry events. Festival attendees and visiting international filmmakers enjoyed a perfect early fall weekend and the charms of the town on full display.

Highlights of the weekend included:

Best Feature Documentary – LAST MEN IN ALEPPO. Director Feras Fayyad remarked, “Thank you so much for this honour, it means big things for this film. It can help make the people remember.” He added, “We do the movies to change something in our society and we need to do the change. Thank you for this amazing festival, this honour and this beautiful town.”

Best Atlantic Filmmaker Award – Aube Giroux, director of MODIFIED.

MODIFIED also collected the Best Film Audience Award. Giroux commented, “I am thrilled and honoured to receive this award. Thank you so much [Lunenburg Doc Fest](#). What an amazing festival and community!”

Best Short Film – NASCENT directed by Lindsay Brahman

Brahman stated: "We are deeply honored to receive the Short Film Award at Lunenburg Doc Fest for NASCENT. We hope NASCENT illuminates the important steps necessary for all of us as a global community to take to find our commonalities instead of differences. If children can transcend violence, so, we hope, can we."

Meagan Brown, a Ryerson University Film Studies student from Halifax was the winner of the **\$1,000 LDF Bursary Award**.

In addition to film screenings and awards the weekend included a gala; an Interactive Arcade which showcased hands-on virtual reality and other immersive experiences; an experimental 35mm film program; cinepoems with live poetry readings; showcases for youth and senior workshop projects; an International Documentary Filmmakers Panel; The Doc Market meetings for filmmakers, funders and distributors; and professional development sessions led by Hot Docs' Industry Programmer Madelaine Russo.

The organizers were delighted with the response to the event. Festival, film and gala passes sold out ahead of the festival weekend and appreciation of the local enthusiasm was mentioned by all of the visiting filmmakers during their question and answer sessions.

The 5th Lunenburg Doc Fest will be held September 20 to 23rd 2018.

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Lunenburg Doc Fest showcases documentary films that entertain, educate, and inspire, creating a cultural experience and place of connection between filmmakers and film enthusiasts in the UNESCO World Heritage site of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. The festival is presented with generous support from Arts Nova Scotia; Canadian Heritage; Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage, Lunenburg Foundation for the Arts, Town of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia Health Authority and Canada Council for the arts.

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