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### Celebrating Local Filmmakers:

Our 2016 Central Oregon Film Festival, held at the Madras PAC Saturday night, represented filmmakers from all over Central Oregon. James Lyons, CEO of Blue Retina Entertainment, presented the Best Director Award, a film and distribution contract with his company, to Madras resident **Tiffany Figueroa** for her film, "Amateurs". LAIKA animation studios' Marketing Director, Mark Shapiro, presented Director of WCA Films in Bend, **Cooper Anderson**, with the High overall point score Best Film award for his film, "You Are Who You Are in the Dark". ABC Producer Jacob Looper presented Adult-category (19+) awards. COFF Best Film winner Cooper Anderson presented awards to some of the Youth category filmmakers, including a highest youth point score prize: a Summer Youth Film Workshop Sponsorship to **Gabriel & Joshua S.** of Bend for their humorous short film, "The Dentist". "The Dentist" was filmed after hours at a local Zooka Dental office by the two boys, ages 13 and 15, where they organized and shot scenes, and directed their all-youth crew.

Awards ranged from \$100 to \$25, with a overall Best Film award of \$300. The 2016 COFF Best Director prize, a \$5,000 film and distribution contract, is still in the fundraising process. **The crew of the film, "Amateurs"**, have received \$1800 so far in cash and GoFundMe donations. Film lovers in the community can donate to the making of this local film at [www.GoFundMe.com/Amateursthefilm](http://www.GoFundMe.com/Amateursthefilm)

Award presenters **Mark Shapiro, James Lyons and Jacob Looper** volunteered on the COFF Judging panel this year. They, along with **Cooper Anderson**, were the featured pro filmmakers during the Industry Pro Meet & Greet at the festival. Filmmakers and attendees were able to meet with them personally and ask questions. The COFF judges visited with filmmakers afterward to discuss specific aspects of their films.

Smooth Jazz & Indie Folk band "**The Uncharted Project**" played during the intermission. After the winning films were screened, the festival concluded Saturday evening with the following filmmakers being presented with awards. (see below)

Thank you! Shannon

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### CENTRAL OREGON SHOWCASE:

Central Oregon Showcase LLC encourages mixed-media, film and music artists of all ages and skill levels to acquire proficiency in the arts and achieve goals.

### CENTRAL OREGON FILM FESTIVAL:

Within the Central Oregon Film Festival, we celebrate local indie film artists by providing a contest, a festival and awards to encourage creation of local films to be shared with our community.