

# Maritime stories to be honoured at third annual Screen Nova Scotia Awards

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Dylan Authors and Julia Sarah Stone star in Bruce McDonald's *Weirdos*, one of four local feature films nominated for the Screen Nova Scotia Awards, taking place on May 4 at the Schooner Showroom. (MICHAEL TOMPKINS)

The slate of nominees for the third annual Screen Nova Scotia Awards runs the gamut from the power of international community outreach to an uplifting Cape Breton road trip, as well as relationships gone wrong, a dark satire on racial revenge and *Trailer Park Boys*.

The awards gala takes place on Thursday, May 4 at Casino Nova Scotia's Schooner Showroom, honouring the best in homegrown feature, documentary and short filmmaking, as well as television series and digital animation.

"Every year, Screen Nova Scotia members attract millions in investment, create thousands of jobs, and share our stories to audiences in more than a hundred countries around the world," said Screen Nova Scotia's executive director Erika Beatty in a news release on Monday.

"These awards celebrate the talent, creativity and vision that are the trademarks of Nova Scotia film, television and digital animation."

Nominated feature films include Tristan & Ariyah's *Inevitable Breakup*, directed by Koumbie (also a nominee in the short film category for *Hustle & Heart*), Paul Kimball's international festival hit *Exit Thread*,

ector Bruce McDonald's collaboration with Daniel McIvor, Weirdos, and Ashley McKenzie's hard-hitting  
ama Werewolf.

est documentary nominees include Michael Melski's award-winning Perfume War, My Life So Far from  
ova Productions, Stephanie Clattenburg's Play Your Gender and John Walker's Quebec: My Country, Mor  
ays.

esides Hustle & Heart, the best short film category includes Cory Bowles' racial revenge satire Black Cop,  
sh by Heather Young and Jenna Marks' How You Turned Into a Fish.

ailer Park Boys earned a double nomination in the best television series category, for both the long-  
nning show of the same name currently running on Netflix, as well as the offshoot Trailer Park Boys: Ou  
the Park, with stiff competition from current affairs comedy staple This Hour Has 22 Minutes and the  
ademic sitcom Mr. D.

est animated series nods go to Kulipari–Army of Frogs, Little People, Pickle & Peanut and Teen Titans Go  
hile the Digital Animators of Nova Scotia nominees for outstanding achievement include Tim Tracey for  
ataMine, Jeff Smith on DHX Studios' Gummi and Jered MacPhee on Cartoon Conrad's Kulipari–Army of  
ogs.

Additional nominations for the ACTRA Awards and the Film Crew Excellence Award will be announced in  
e days to come, while the new Community Recognition Award goes to the Atlantic School of Theology's  
ave Myatt who has worked as a liaison between the film community and residents of the south end of  
alifax.

ne May 4 gala will be hosted by the legendary Nova Scotia comedy duo Bette MacDonald and Maynard  
orrison. "We're thrilled to be hosting the Screen Nova Scotia Awards," said co-host Bette MacDonald on  
onday.

's going to be a great party! As hosts, our plan is to have as much fun as we possibly can until we're  
ked to leave."

ickets and group tables for the event are currently on sale at [Screen Nova Scotia's website](#).

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