

Louis Koo, Kawa Wai & Sylvia Chang Honoured at 12th Asian Film Awards

The Asian Film Awards (AFA), which is co-organized by Hong Kong International Film Festival (HKIFF), Busan International Film Festival (BIFF) and Tokyo International Film Festival (TIFF), has come to its 12th edition. The AFA Awards Ceremony took place on 17th March 2018 at The Venetian Macao. A total of 87 nominations were made from 32 shortlisted films from 10 countries and regions for 17 Awards. Hong Kong filmmakers made outstanding achievements at the event. Veteran filmmaker Sylvia Chang won the Best Actress Award for “Love Education” and was also honoured with the Life Achievement Award. For his outstanding performance in “Paradox”, Louis Koo nabbed the Best Actor Award, the first acting award in his over-20-years career in the film industry.

“Paradox” was the first action film in which Louis Koo took the leading role. Louis said he is interested in taking part in action films but probably not many because starring in an action movie requires a lot of strength and physicality. When Sylvia Chang presented her acceptance speech, she pointed out that she was not aiming for awards when she made movies. Instead, she was just turning the stories she wants to share and experience with the audience into films. She also revealed she had always reminded herself to work very hard, and work even harder than anyone else when she first started in the industry. After receiving the Excellence In Asian Cinema Award from director Ann Hui, Kara Wai thanked Ann for having her in “Visible Secret”, a film directed by Ann in 2001 which showed the industry and audience that Kara Wai could actually star in non-action movies.

List of Winners at the 12th Asia Film Awards:

Best Film: “Youth”

Best Action Film: “Paradox”

Best Director: Ishii Yuya “The Tokyo Night Sky Is Always the Densest Shade of Blue”

Best Actor: Louis Koo “Paradox”

Best Actress: Sylvia Chang “Love Education”

Best Screenplay: Mayanayk Tewari, Amit Masurkar “Newton”

Best Supporting Actor: Yang Ik-joon “Wilderness”

Best Supporting Actress: Kitty Zhang Yuqi “Legend of the Demon Cat”

Best Newcomer: Chutimon Chuengcharoensukying “Bad Genius”

Best New Director: Dong Yue “The Looming Storm”

Best Editing: Shin Min-kyung “The King”

Best Cinematography: Kim Ji-yong “The Fortress”

Best Original Music: Hisaishi Joe “Our Time Will Come”

Best Sound: Tu Du-chih, Wu Shu-yao “The Great Buddha+”

Best Production Design: Tu Nan, Lu Wei “Legend of the Demon Cat”

Best Visual Effects: Ishii Norio “Legend of the Demon Cat”

Best Costume Design: Chen Tongxun “Legend of the Demon Cat”

Excellence In Asian Cinema Award: Kawa Wai

Lifetime Achievement Award: Sylvia Chang

Next Generation Award: Lim Yoon-a (Yoona) “Confidential Assignment”
2017 Highest Grossing Asia Film: “Wolf Warrior 2”

About Asian Film Awards:

Asian Film Awards is organized by the Asian Film Awards Academy (AFAA), an Academy with the objectives to promote and develop Asian Cinema, to nurture talents in the region and to expand the audience reach.

Since 2015, the AFA Academy has been presenting events and activities including the Masterclass Series, Journey to the Fest – Student Visits to Film Festivals, Asian Cinerama – Film Roadshows and Young Film Professionals Program. Overseas partners of the AFAA include the Edinburgh (UK), Pacific Meridian (Russia), Quezon City (Philippines), HISTORICA Kyoto, Hawaii, British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA), Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg (Germany), Nipkow Programm (Germany), Taipei Golden Horse Film Festival and many more.