

# Joella Cabalu's "It Runs in the Family" named best feature at VQFF 2016

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- Vancouver filmmaker Joella Cabalu documented her visit, with her openly gay brother Jay, to see her LGBT relatives in the U.S. and the Philippines.

The Vancouver Queer Film Festival concluded its 11-day run from August 11 to 21 with a presentation of awards at the screening of the documentary [Kiki](#).

Vancouver filmmaker Joella Cabalu won the People's Choice Award for Best Feature for ["It Runs in the Family"](#), a documentary about her LGBT relatives in the U.S. and the Philippines.

Meanwhile, Jeff Lee Petry and Nathan Drillot's "Handsome and Majestic", about a teenager taking on bullies in Prince George, won the People's Choice Award for Best Short film.

Patrick Currie's "Meet Cute", about a bisexual woman who kisses a gay man, was named the Best Short Film Made in B.C.

Attendance for the 28<sup>th</sup> annual festival increased to 14,000 people from 12,000 in the previous year.

**OUTtv People's Choice Award for Best Feature**

"It Runs in the Family", Joella Cabalu

**Gerry Brunet Memorial Award for Best Short Film Made in B.C.**

"Meet Cute", Patrick Currie

**Gerry Brunet Memorial Award for Best Short Film Made in B.C. (Honourable Mention)**

"Ne t'en Vas Pas", Jessica Han

**OUTtv People's Choice Award for Best Short**

"Handsome and Majestic", Jeff Lee Petry and Nathan Drillot

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