

# CAST 2015 – December 31, 2015

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## COLLATED RESULTS FOR BEST FILM

- All films released theatrically or screened during a festival in Toronto during the calendar year 2015 were eligible
  - 168 different feature films mentioned, along with 2 short films.
  - 41 voters (30 male, 11 female)
  - Each voter submitted up to 10 films
  - Points awarded as 10 for 1<sup>st</sup> choice, down to 1 for 10<sup>th</sup> choice
  - Point ties are broken by number of first place votes, then by highest average vote.
1. **Mad Max: Fury Road** (131 points, 16 mentions, 8.19 average/vote, 4 first place votes) – Philip Hamilton, Eric Marchen, Sarah Gopaul, Robert Harding
  2. **Carol** (120, 21, 5.71, 2) – Ulkar Alakbarova, Mark Barber
  3. **Ex Machina** (104, 15, 6.93, 3) – Corey Pierce, Dan Gorman, Sean Kelly
  4. **Inside Out** (99, 19, 5.21, 3) – Ariel Fisher, Jorge Ignacio Castillo, Sky Wylie
  5. **Spotlight** (92, 14, 6.57, 0)
  6. **Anomalisa** (69, 10, 6.9, 2) – Emily Reid, Courtney Small
  7. **Sicario** (58, 11, 5.27, 0)
  8. **Brooklyn** (41, 6, 6.83, 1) – James McNally
  9. **Me and Earl and the Dying Girl** (40, 6, 6.67, 1) – David Baldwin
  10. **Room** (39, 6, 6.5, 1) – Hillary Butler
  11. **The Martian** (38, 9, 4.22, 0)
  12. **Star Wars: The Force Awakens** (38, 11, 3.45, 0)
  13. **Son of Saul** (36, 6, 6.00, 2) – Leora Heilbronn, Kirk Haviland
  14. **Love and Peace** (36, 5, 7.2, 0)
  15. **The Lobster** (35, 6, 5.83, 0)
  16. **The Big Short** (34, 5, 6.8, 1) – Dave Voigt
  17. **Steve Jobs** (33, 7, 4.71, 0)
  18. **45 Years** (32, 5, 6.4, 0)
  19. **Men and Chicken** (30, 4, 7.5, 1) – Ian Stuart
  20. **Phoenix** (27, 4, 6.75, 1) – Matt Hoffman
  21. **Tangerine** (26, 4, 6.5, 0)
  22. **Girlhood** (26, 5, 5.2, 0)
  23. **Clouds of Sils Maria** (25, 3, 8.33, 2) – Richard Iwasa, Ryan McNeil
  24. **Magic Mike XXL** (24, 3, 8.0, 0)
  25. **The Duke of Burgundy** (23, 3, 7.67, 1) – Don Marks

## OTHER FILMS WITH FIRST PLACE VOTES

1. **Arabian Nights (Vols. 1-3)** – Kurt Halfyard
2. **The End of the Tour** – Pavan Moondi

3. Love (Gaspar Nöe) – Marko Orlic
4. Our Little Sister – Bob Turnbull
5. Tomorrowland – Stefan Ellison
6. Traders – Norm McGlashan
7. White God – Addison Wylie
8. Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amsalem – Corey Atad
9. Dheepan – Elayne from Particular Pelicula
10. Demolition – David Davidson
11. The Assassin – Barbara Goslawski
12. Hard to Be A God – Chris Heron
13. Taxi (Jafar Panahi) – Shahbaz Khayambashi
14. He Never Died – Trevor Jeffery
15. Bone Tomahawk – Less Lee Moore
16. Hitchcock/Truffaut – Heidi Morales

### **INDIVIDUAL BALLOTS**

Elayne from Particular Pelicula ([particularpelicula.wordpress.com](http://particularpelicula.wordpress.com)) @ParticPelic

1. Dheepan (10)
2. What Happened, Miss Simone? (9)
3. Straight Outta Compton (8)
4. Girlhood (7)
5. Going Clear: Scientology and the Prison of Belief (6)
6. You Belong to Me: Sex, Race and Murder in the South (5)
7. Still Alice (4)
8. Welcome to Me (3)
9. Amy (2)
10. Concussion (1)

Ulkar Alakbarova ([moviemovesme.com](http://moviemovesme.com)) @AlakbarovaUlkar

1. Carol (10)
2. Spotlight (9)
3. The Lobster (8)
4. 45 Years (7)
5. The Brand New Testament (6)
6. Brooklyn (5)
7. Inside Out (4)
8. Mustang (3)
9. Labyrinth of Lies (2)
10. Youth (1)

Corey Atad @coreyatad

1. Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amsalem (10)
2. Mad Max: Fury Road (9)

3. Magic Mike XXL (8)
4. Ex Machina (7)
5. Girlhood (6)
6. Sicario (5)
7. Star Wars: The Force Awakens (4)
8. It Follows (3)
9. Listen to Me, Marlon (2)
10. Carol (1)

Best Movie Moment: Rey force-pulling Luke's light sabre in Star Wars: The Force Awakens.

David Baldwin (moviechasm.com, mrwillwong.com) @DaveMABaldwin

1. Me and Earl and the Dying Girl (10)
2. Room (9)
3. Ex Machina (8)
4. Inside Out (7)
5. The Lobster (6)
6. Mad Max: Fury Road (5)
7. The Martian (4)
8. The Revenant (3)
9. Brooklyn (2)
10. Star Wars: The Force Awakens (1)

Best Movie Moment: Joy and Jack reuniting in Room.

Mark Barber (wyliewrites.com) @WorstCinephile

1. Carol (10)
2. The Lobster (9)
3. The Witch (8)
4. The Whispering Star (7)
5. Taxi (Jafar Panahi) (6)
6. The Forbidden Room (5)
7. Blackhat (4)
8. Inside Out (3)
9. Backcountry (2)
10. Krampus (1)

Best Movie Moment: The ending of Carol.

Hillary Butler (liveforfilms.com) @PetDocHill

1. Room (10)
2. Spotlight (9)
3. Carol (8)
4. Brooklyn (7)
5. The Danish Girl (6)

6. The Big Short (5)
7. Sicario (4)
8. Steve Jobs (3)
9. Star Wars: The Force Awakens (2)
10. The Martian (1)

Jorge Ignacio Castillo ([thecanadiancrew.com](http://thecanadiancrew.com)) @jicastillo

1. Inside Out (10)
2. 45 Years (9)
3. The Revenant (8)
4. Goodnight Mommy (7)
5. Les Etres Chers (6)
6. Joy (5)
7. Ex Machina (4)
8. Anomalisa (3)
9. The Lobster (2)
10. Star Wars: The Force Awakens (1)

David Davidson ([torontofilmreview.blogspot.ca](http://torontofilmreview.blogspot.ca)) @TOFilmReview

1. Demolition (10)
2. How Heavy This Hammer (9)
3. The Waiting Room (8)
4. Diamond Tongues (7)
5. Sleeping Giant (6)
6. Arabian Nights (5)
7. Right Now, Wrong Then (4)
8. 88:88 (3)
9. Something Horizontal (2)
10. Minotaur (1)

Stefan Ellison ([thescenemagazine.ca](http://thescenemagazine.ca)) @MisterCoat

1. Tomorrowland (10)
2. The Peanuts Movie (9)
3. Star Wars: The Force Awakens (8)
4. The Hunting Ground (7)
5. Joy (6)
6. Bridge of Spies (5)
7. The Martian (4)
8. Steve Jobs (3)
9. Carol (2)
10. Kingsman: The Secret Service (1)

Ariel Fisher ([rowthree.com](http://rowthree.com)) @afis8

1. Inside Out (10)
2. Mad Max: Fury Road (9)
3. Men and Chicken (8)
4. Ex Machina (7)
5. Sherpa (6)
6. 45 Years (5)
7. Star Wars: The Force Awakens (4)
8. February (3)
9. Anomalisa (2)
10. The Revenant (1)

Sarah Gopaul (digitaljournal.com) @SarahGopaul

1. Mad Max: Fury Road (10)
2. The Martian (9)
3. The Revenant (8)
4. Spotlight (7)
5. Sicario (6)
6. Room (5)
7. Ex Machina (4)
8. Carol (3)
9. Star Wars: The Force Awakens (2)
10. Inside Out (1)

Dan Gorman (modernsuperior.com) @yckmd\_

1. Ex Machina (10)
2. Diary of a Teenage Girl (9)
3. Me and Earl and the Dying Girl (8)
4. Paddington (7)
5. Housebound (6)
6. '71 (5)
7. Inside Out (4)
8. Tangerine (3)
9. Sicario (2)
10. What We Do in the Shadows (1)

Best Movie Moment(s): It's more like moments, because a number of my picks moved me to damn-near tears in the theatre; the power of cinema, indeed.

Barbara Goslawski @bgos923

1. The Assassin (10)
2. Youth (9)
3. Spotlight (8)
4. Carol (7)

5. In Her Place (6)
6. Amy (5)
7. The Duke of Burgundy (4)
8. A Pigeon Sat on a Branch Contemplating Existence (3)
9. When Marnie Was There (2)
10. My Brother My Enemy (short) (1)

Kurt Halfyard (rowthree.com, twitchfilm.com) @triflic

1. Arabian Nights (10)
2. Ex Machina (9)
3. Anomalisa (8)
4. Spotlight (7)
5. Louder Than Bombs (6)
6. Carol (5)
7. Sicario (4)
8. Steve Jobs (3)
9. Inside Out (2)
10. Macbeth (1)

Philip Hamilton

1. Mad Max: Fury Road (10)
2. The Second Mother (9)
3. My Love Don't Cross That River (8)
4. Listen to Me, Marlon (7)
5. The Circus Dynasty (6)
6. Son of Saul (5)
7. Inside Out (4)
8. Ixcanul (3)
9. Mustang (2)
10. Theeb (1)

Robert Harding

1. Mad Max: Fury Road (10)
2. Ex Machina (9)
3. Nina Forever (8)
4. A Christmas Horror Story (7)
5. Love and Peace (6)
6. Furious 7 (5)
7. Ant-Man (4)
8. The Martian (3)
9. Inside Out (2)
10. Jurassic World (1)

Kirk Haviland (dorkshelf.com, weraddicted.com) @MovieJunkieTO

1. Son of Saul (10)
2. Love and Peace (9)
3. The Big Short (8)
4. The Hateful Eight (7)
5. Room (6)
6. Spotlight (5)
7. Carol (4)
8. Green Room (3)
9. Me and Earl and the Dying Girl (2)
10. Spring (1)

Leora Heilbronn (scenecreek.com) @leoraheilbronn

1. Son of Saul (10)
2. Cinderella (9)
3. Sicario (8)
4. Magic Mike XXL (7)
5. Inside Out (6)
6. Clouds of Sils Maria (5)
7. Queen of Earth (4)
8. Phoenix (3)
9. 45 Years (2)
10. Girlhood (1)

Christopher Heron (theseventhart.org) @the7thart

1. Hard to Be A God (10)
2. Phoenix (9)
3. Carol (8)
4. Winter Sleep (7)
5. Two Days, One Night (6)
6. Lost and Beautiful (5)
7. The Other Side (4)
8. The Look of Silence (3)
9. No Home Movie (2)
10. The Sky Trembles and the Earth is Afraid and the Two Eyes Are Not Brothers (1)

Matt Hoffman (blacksheepreviews.com, thetfs.ca) @HoffmanOnFilm

1. Phoenix (10)
2. 45 Years (9)
3. Brooklyn (8)
4. I'll See You In My Dreams (7)
5. The New Girlfriend (6)

6. Carol (5)
7. Chi-Raq (4)
8. Joy (3)
9. Son of Saul (2)
10. Star Wars: The Force Awakens (1)

Richard Iwasa ([tiffstalk.blogspot.ca](http://tiffstalk.blogspot.ca)) @tiffstalk

1. Clouds of Sils Maria (10)
2. It Follows (9)
3. Ex Machina (8)
4. Youth (7)
5. The Martian (6)
6. Star Wars: The Force Awakens (5)
7. Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation (4)
8. Where to Invade Next (3)
9. The Last Five Years (2)
10. Hardcore (1)

Trevor Jeffery ([wyliewrites.com](http://wyliewrites.com)) @TrevorSJeffery

1. He Never Died (10)
2. A Brilliant Young Mind (formerly titled X+Y) (9)
3. Welcome to Me (8)
4. Inside Out (7)
5. Eden (6)
6. It Follows (5)
7. Ant-Man (4)
8. Teen Lust (3)

Best Movie Moment: A stone-faced Henry Rollins beating the hell out of a room of people (He Never Died)

Sean Kelly ([SKonMovies.com](http://SKonMovies.com), [thetfs.ca](http://thetfs.ca)) @SKonMovies

1. Ex Machina (10)
2. Me and Earl and the Dying Girl (9)
3. The Hunting Ground (8)
4. Love and Peace (7)
5. She Who Must Burn (6)
6. Sleeping Giant (5)
7. Raiders (4)
8. Queen of Silence (3)
9. Thank You for Playing (2)
10. The Martian (1)

Shahbaz Khayambashi ([wyliewrites.com](http://wyliewrites.com)) @ShaKhayam



1. Taxi (Jafar Panahi) (10)
2. Love and Peace (9)
3. Anomalisa (8)
4. The Lobster (7)
5. Why Don't You Play in Hell? (6)
6. Body (5)
7. A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night (4)
8. The Hunting Ground (3)
9. Standby for Tape Backup (2)
10. The Witch (1)

Best Movie Moment: When Pikadon turns into a kaiju (Love and Peace)

Eric Marchen @EM6211

1. Mad Max: Fury Road (10)
2. Anomalisa (9)
3. Son of Saul (8)
4. The Look of Silence (7)
5. Sicario (6)
6. Inside Out (5)
7. Amy (4)
8. The Hateful Eight (3)
9. Spotlight (2)
10. Ex Machina (1)

Don Marks (torontoplex.com) @CaptFuzz @torontoplex

1. The Duke of Burgundy (10)
2. Kumiko the Treasure Hunter (9)
3. Slow West (8)
4. Mad Max: Fury Road (7)
5. Carol (6)
6. Love and Peace (5)
7. Heart of a Dog (4)
8. Inside Out (3)
9. Cop Car (2)
10. A Pigeon Sat on a Branch Contemplating Existence (1)

Norm McGlashan (flickhunter.blogspot.ca) @flickhunter1 @Mcstay12

1. Traders (10)
2. The Big Short (9)
3. Room (8)
4. Carol (7)
5. Spotlight (6)

6. Mad Max: Fury Road (5)
7. Tag (4)
8. Cash Only (3)
9. Raw: The Amy Winehouse Story (2)
10. Therapy for a Vampire (1)

James McNally (torontoscreenshots.com) @TOScreenshots

1. Brooklyn (10)
2. Tangerine (9)
3. Victoria (8)
4. Mad Max: Fury Road (7)
5. Ex Machina (6)
6. Sicario (5)
7. Two Days, One Night (4)
8. While We're Young (3)
9. Diamond Tongues (2)
10. Results (1)

Ryan McNeil (thematinee.ca) @matinee\_ca

1. Clouds of Sils Maria (10)
2. Carol (9)
3. Mad Max: Fury Road (8)
4. World of Tomorrow (7)
5. Spotlight (6)
6. Sicario (5)
7. Girlhood (4)
8. Inside Out (3)
9. Anomalisa (2)
10. Creed (1)

Pavan Moondi @pavanmoondi

1. The End of the Tour (10)
2. Steve Jobs (9)
3. Anomalisa (8)
4. Victoria (7)
5. Tangerine (6)
6. Nasty Baby (5)
7. Entertainment (4)
8. Results (3)
9. Mistress America (2)
10. 7 Chinese Brothers (1)

Less Lee Moore (popshifter.com) @popshifter

1. Bone Tomahawk (10)
2. Magic Mike XXL (9)
3. Mad Max: Fury Road (8)
4. Lost River (7)
5. February (6)
6. The Devil's Candy (5)
7. Men and Chicken (4)
8. The Mind's Eye (3)
9. The Interior (2)
10. Creep (1)

Heidy Morales (hyemusings.ca) @HeidyMo

1. Hitchcock/Truffaut (10)
2. The Duke of Burgundy (9)
3. Men and Chicken (8)
4. Ex Machina (7)
5. The Assassin (6)
6. Ixcanul (5)
7. Miss Sharon Jones! (4)
8. Crimson Peak (3)
9. Veteran (2)
10. The Hateful Eight (1)

Marko Orlic (recordinglivefromsomewhere.com) @marko\_orlic

1. Love (Gaspar Noë) (10)
2. The End of the Tour (9)
3. Spotlight (8)
4. Eden (7)
5. Mad Max: Fury Road (6)
6. Carol (5)
7. Bridge of Spies (4)
8. Straight Outta Compton (3)
9. Steve Jobs (2)
10. Son of Saul (1)

Best Movie Moment: Threesome set to Funkadelic's "Maggot Brain" in Gaspar Noë's Love. (<https://atouchoffilm.files.wordpress.com/2015/12/noe-love-threesome.jpg?w=1000>)

Corey Pierce (www.rowthree.com/category/podcast/ostl/) @coreypiercart

1. Ex Machina (10)
2. Mistress America (9)
3. Me and Earl and the Dying Girl (8)
4. Spotlight (7)

5. Paddington (6)
6. The Diary of a Teenage Girl (5)
7. Spring (4)
8. Kurt Cobain: Montage of Heck (3)
9. The Martian (2)
10. The Peanuts Movie (1)

Best Movie Moment: "I Want It That Way" – Magic Mike XXL  
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xd8qocJNO7Y>)

Emily Reid ([christiepitsff.com](http://christiepitsff.com)) @ChristiePitsFF

1. Anomalisa (10)
2. Brooklyn (9)
3. Carol (8)
4. Sicario (7)
5. Taxi (Jafar Panahi) (6)
6. Star Wars: The Force Awakens (5)
7. The Witch (4)
8. The Lobster (3)
9. Hurt (2)
10. Room (1)

Courtney Small ([cinemaaxis.com](http://cinemaaxis.com)) @SmallMind

1. Anomalisa (10)
2. Mad Max: Fury Road (9)
3. Tangerine (8)
4. Spotlight (7)
5. Sicario (6)
6. Carol (5)
7. Beasts of No Nation (4)
8. Creed (3)
9. Victoria (2)
10. It Follows (1)

Ian Stuart

1. Men and Chicken (10)
2. Mad Max: Fury Road (9)
3. Listen to Me, Marlon (8)
4. The Circus Dynasty (7)
5. Inside Out (6)
6. Best of Enemies (5)
7. James White (4)
8. The Second Mother (3)
9. Carol (2)

10. Bridge of Spies (1)

Bob Turnbull (eternalsunshineofthelogicalmind.blogspot.ca) @thelogicalmind

1. Our Little Sister (10)
2. Anomalisa (9)
3. The Martian (8)
4. Steve Jobs (7)
5. Inside Out (6)
6. Star Wars: The Force Awakens (5)
7. Spotlight (4)
8. Carol (3)
9. The Big Short (2)
10. The Hateful Eight (1)

Dave Voigt (intheseats.ca) @intheseats

1. The Big Short (10)
2. Mad Max: Fury Road (9)
3. Carol (8)
4. Spotlight (7)
5. Steve Jobs (6)
6. Phoenix (5)
7. Ex Machina (4)
8. Love and Mercy (3)
9. Listen to Me, Marlon (2)
10. Z for Zachariah (1)

Addison Wylie (wyliewrites.com) @AddisonWylie

1. White God (10)
2. Kurt Cobain: Montage of Heck (9)
3. Matt Shepard is a Friend of Mine (8)
4. Killers (7)
5. Inside Out (6)
6. The Stanford Prison Experiment (5)
7. Deep Web (4)
8. Mistress America (3)
9. While We're Young (2)
10. Tig (1)

Best Movie Moment: Hallucinogenic time travel (The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water)

Sky Wylie @skybaby5

1. Inside Out (10)

2. Kingsman: The Secret Service (9)
3. Girlhood (8)
4. Kurt Cobain: Montage of Heck (7)
5. Mistress America (6)
6. American Ultra (5)
7. Carol (4)
8. Me and Earl and the Dying Girl (3)
9. Tig (2)
10. Black Mass (1)

Best Movie Moment: Harry Hart vs. The Church (Kingsman: The Secret Service)