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Festival's film jury award their narrative feature prize to Brooklyn-set comedy Fort Tilden, while best documentary goes to The Great Invisible, about the Deepwater Horizon oil spill

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Directors Sarah-Violet Bliss and Charles Rogers pose with their SXSW award Photograph: Michael Buckner/Getty Images for SXSW

Fort Tilden, a Brooklyn-set satire about two vapid twenty-somethings, has won the SXSW film festival's grand jury prize for best narrative feature.

Directed by Sarah-Violet Bliss and Charles Rogers, the film follows friends Allie and Harper as they struggle to make it across New York for a date.

Best documentary feature was given to The Great Invisible, director Margeret Brown's investigation into the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. A special jury recognition prize for political courage went to Vessel, a documentary about Dr. Rebecca Gomperts, a physician who offers abortions on a ship docked off the coast of countries that deny women the right. Print the Legend, a look at the rise of 3D printing, took the special jury recognition prize for editing & storytelling.



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Further feature awards were given to Animals star David Dastmalchian and 10,000km (Long Distance) actors Natalie Tena and David Verdaguer. Animals, written by and starring Dastmalchian, is an addiction drama that tells the story of a long-term homeless couple dealing with a life hustling for heroin. 10,000km (Long Distance) stars Tena and Verdaguer as a couple who try to maintain a long distance relationship after moving apart for work.

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