

## Press Release

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### First Winners Announced at goEast 2012 – Students' Competition Awards

**goEast – Festival of Central and Eastern European Film announces its first winners: the audience has voted for the winning films of the goEast Students' Competition in three categories. The awards go to Nils Knoblich, Anda Puscas and Goran Mihailov.**

In the late hours of Saturday evening, after the end of the short film programme, the three audience awards in the **goEast Students' Competition** were presented in the categories Animation and Experimental Film, Documentary and Short Feature Film. Winner of the Animation and Experimental Film Award is Nils Knoblich from Germany with FROM DAD TO SON. So how can a prisoner help his father tend the fields? This one hatches a cunning plot for the provision of remote ploughing assistance. In the Documentary category Anda Puscas from Romania made a big impression on the audience with STREMT 89. The road that passes through Stremt ends in the mountains. Twenty years ago. The villagers waited expectantly for army trucks, terrorists, and fame. They are still proud of their past. WEDDING DUET by Goran Mihailov from Romania was voted best Short Feature Film. A newly wedded couple is on the brink of their wedding night. Everything could be so wonderful if he would just do what she says and carry her over the threshold.

Students from Belgrade (Serbia), Bucharest (Romania), Berlin, Kassel, Mainz, Offenbach and Wiesbaden competed for the awards. All of the three prizes with a value of 1,000 Euro each are donated by the BHF-BANK Foundation and will be presented on Tuesday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of April, at 7pm during the official goEast Award Ceremony at Caligari FilmBühne. Furthermore, the BHF-BANK Foundation will present the Award for Best Short Film from a non-German film school with a value of 1,500 Euro on the night; the official jury of the Students' Competition, consisting of Dr. Marie-Hélène Gutberlet (Film Scholar and Curator, Frankfurt am Main), Peter Müller (Journalist, Wiesbadener Kurier) and Prof. Anja Stöffler (Head of the Media Design Class and the Institute of Media Design at FH Mainz) presides over the winners.

Support for young talents does not stop at the Students' Competition at goEast: for the sixth time this year the Robert Bosch Stiftung presents the Co-Production Prize in the categories Short Feature Film, Documentary and Animation to collaborative teams of young Eastern European and German filmmakers. Prior to the official ceremony the winners from the three previous years will present the results of their supported projects on Sunday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April, at 6pm at Caligari FilmBühne. The Co-Production Prize is a coveted award for young filmmakers with a value of up to 70,000 Euro per project and a total value of up to 210,000 Euro. An international jury chooses the three winning teams, who will be honoured during the official award ceremony of Tuesday as well. The evening will be hosted by Cécile Schortmann, presenter of the 3sat TV show "Kulturzeit". After the event goEast invites you to join the **Closing Party at the Kulturpalast**.

goEast celebrates half time with the announcement of the winners of the Students' Competition: until Tuesday the festival – hosted by Deutsches Filminstitut – presents fascinating, involved and unique cinema from our Eastern neighbours. In the Film School Programme goEast presents for the first time the international co-production project ANSICHTSSACHE (POINT OF VIEW) on Monday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, at 4pm in the Festival Centre: young script writers from Leipzig have realised six short films with young directors from the Belgrade Film Academy, which they will present at the Festival Centre.

Furthermore, the Georgian National Film Center and goEast present a panel discussion on the state of Georgian cinema on Monday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> April, at noon in the Festival Centre under the headline “**Georgian Cinema Now**”. Renowned guests and filmmakers from Georgia will discuss current trends and the societal, political and social circumstances that shape the local film scene. A selection of short films from Georgia will be screened after the discussion.

With TRIPTYCH OF AGATA SCHWARZKOBLEK (Director: Matjaž Klopčič, Slovenia 1997) the **Slovenian Cinematheque** will present a rare gem from its archives at Caligari FilmBühne at 2pm.

It is still possible to watch a large selection of outstanding **documentaries and feature films running in the competition** before the independent jury headed by Romanian director Cristi Puiu will announce its decision on the winners on Tuesday. Ten feature films and six documentaries are in competition for the four main awards with a total value of 29,500 Euro (the ŠKODA Award “The Golden Lily” for Best Film, the Documentary Award “Remembrance and Future” donated by the Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future”, the Award for Best Director donated by the City of Wiesbaden, the Award of the Federal Foreign Office for “artistic originality which creates cultural diversity”). A jury of members of the International Federation of Film Critics awards the FIPRESCI Prize.

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## The Winners of the goEast Students' Competition 2012

The first prize in the category Animation and Experimental Film with a value of 1,000 Euro goes to:

### **FROM DAD TO SON**

Germany 2011

Director: Nils Knoblich

Film School: KHS Kassel

Second Prize:

### **KLEINSTADTLIBEN / MINI-MAINZ**

Germany 2012

Director: Johannes Furrer, Timo Dicke

Film School: FH Mainz

Third Prize:

### **HEIMWEH / HOME SICKNESS**

Germany 2011

Director: Laetitia Taubner

Film School: HSRM Wiesbaden

The first prize in the category Documentary with a value of 1,000 Euro goes to:

### **STREMT 89**

Romania 2012

Director: Anda Puscas

Film School: UNATC Bucharest

Second Prize:

### **KURSDORF**

Germany 2011

Director: Michael Schwarz

Film School: Film Class of Mainz University

Third Prize:

### **SEKUNDARNA SIROVINA / SCRAP MATERIAL**

Serbia 2011

Director: Stefan Ivančić

Film School: FDU Belgrade

The first prize in the category Short Feature Film with a value of 1,000 Euro goes to:

### **WEDDING DUET**

Romania 2011

Director: Goran Mihailov

Film School: UNATC Bukarest

Second Prize:

**LONG DISTANCE CALL**

Germany 2011

Director: Grzegorz Muskala

Film School: dffb Berlin

Third Prize:

**ANIEN**

Germany 2011

Director: Boris Blumenthal

Film School: FH Mainz