

Press Information

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goEast Students' Competition – Awards for Hungary and Germany

The first awards have been presented at goEast – Festival of Central and Eastern European Film: The audience has chosen the best contributions to the Students' Competition. The winners come from Budapest and Munich.

The festival audience honoured outstanding contributions to the goEast Students' Competition in the three categories of animation and experimental film, documentaries and short feature film: Winner of the Animation and Experimental Film Award is Péter Vácz of NYUSZI ÉS ÓZ / RABBIT AND DEER from Hungary. The friendship of rabbit and deer is put to the test by Deer's new obsession with finding the formula for the 3rd dimension. Best Documentary is NATALY by Julian Krubasik from Germany. Damian's daughter was born eight weeks ago. Set in a council estate on the outskirts of Munich, the film explores the balancing act between Damian's new role as a father and his life as a youngster who grew up without a family. The audience chose FALLEN by Christoph Schuler from Germany as best Short Feature Film. Back from war in Afghanistan, three soldiers try to cope with life without their comrade who was killed. They are haunted by guilt, fear, anger, and the images of war.

"We have never had as much interest shown by schools and students for the goEast Students' Competition as we did this year; it was definitely an agony of choice in selecting the films for the festival's 13th Competition", said festival director Gaby Babić. "We are happy to support promising talent with our young talent programmes. The fact that many of the former participants are now successful filmmakers strengthens us in our commitment."

A total of ten universities participated this year: Students from the University of Theatre and Film Arts and the Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design from Budapest (Hungary), the University of Pristina (Kosovo), the University of Television and Film Munich, as well as from the universities and colleges in Kassel, Mainz, Offenbach and Wiesbaden competed for the awards. All three of the awards donated by the BHF-Bank Foundation, each endowed with 1,000 euros, will be presented within the goEast awards ceremony at the Caligari FilmBühne on April 16, 7:00 p.m. In addition, the BHF-Bank Foundation will present its Award for Best Short Film from a non-German film school, which is endowed with 1,500 euros. The winners are determined by a three-member jury consisting of Ralph Förg (managing director of the Filmhaus Frankfurt e.V.), Tamina Kutscher (editor and project director at n-ost – Network for Reporting on Eastern Europe, Berlin) and Christel Schmidt (co-managing director of the Hessian Film Fund).

The promotion of young talent is a priority for goEast: More than 60 young filmmakers from Central and Eastern Europe and Germany meet in Wiesbaden to participate in workshops offered by the Young Professionals Programme, which is carried out by goEast in cooperation with the Robert Bosch Stiftung. For the seventh time, the Robert Bosch Stiftung awards the Film Prize for International Cooperation at goEast to teams made up of young Eastern European and German filmmakers. Each year, three projects in the genres animation, documentary and short fiction film are supported with up to 70,000 euros each. An international jury determines the three winning teams, who will also be honoured at the awards ceremony on Tuesday. Cécile Schortmann, moderator of the 3sat programme

“Kulturzeit” will host the evening. In advance, on Sunday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m., the winners from the last three years will present the results of their projects at the Caligari FilmBühne.

Half Time at the 13th goEast Film Festival

goEast 2013 enters the second half with the announcement of the Students' Competition Audience Award: Before the independent jury headed by Hungarian director Bence Fliegauf announces the winners of the Competition on Tuesday, the festival audience still has the opportunity to see a selection of the ten feature films and documentaries. These films are competing for the four top awards with a total value of 31,500 euros: ŠKODA Film Award, Documentary Award “Remembrance and Future” donated by the Foundation „Remembrance, Responsibility and Future”, Award of the City of Wiesbaden for Best Director as well as the Award of the Federal Foreign Office for “artistic originality which creates cultural diversity”. The FIPRESCI jury will present the International Film Critic's Award.

In addition, the double feature 2 IN 1 (Russia 2010) and THE NEW SAINT (Netherlands, Belgium 2010) from the section Beyond Belonging questions the image of masculinity in Russia. The screening will be held at the Festival Centre (Wiesbaden Casino-Gesellschaft) on Monday, April 15 at 4:00 p.m. The visually stunning cinema of Miklós Jancsó, virtuoso of Hungarian New Wave, will be presented in the goEast Homage and on Monday, April 15 at 6:00 p.m., goEast will be in discussion with Jancsó via Skype at the Festival Centre. Finally, the goEast Symposium will show EARLY WORKS (Yugoslavia 1969) by Želimir Žilnik, one of the most famous filmmakers of New Yugoslav Film, at the Caligari FilmBühne on Monday, April 15, 10 p.m.

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The winners of the goEast Student's Competition 2013

First prize of 1,000 euros in the section Animation and Experimental Film goes to:

NYUSZI ÉS ÓZ / RABBIT AND DEER

Hungary 2012

Director: Péter Vác

Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design – MOME Budapest

Second Prize:

RED FACTORY

Germany 2013

Director: Arkady Kravchuk

University of Applied Science Mainz

Third Prize:

ECHO

Germany 2012

Director: Merlin Flügel

Academy of Art and Design Offenbach, HfG Offenbach

First prize of 1,000 euros in the section Documentaries goes to:

NATALY

Germany 2011

Director: Julian Krubasik

University of Television and Film Munich

Second Prize:

WO DER FLUSS ALS MEER ERSCHEINT / WHERE THE RIVER SEEMS TO BE THE SEA

Uruguay, Germany 2013

Director: Claudia Münch

Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

Third Prize:

SCHWARZE SCHAFE

Germany 2013

Director: Tamar Inasaridze und Maria Kirch

University of Applied Science Mainz

First prize of 1,000 euros in the section Short Feature Film goes to:

GEFALLEN / FALLEN

Germany 2012

Director: Christoph Schuler

University of Television and Film Munich

Second Prize:

PHILANTROP / PHILANTHROPIST

Germany 2013

Director: Konstantin Enste

University of Applied Science Mainz

Third Prize:

SECHSTER SINN, DRITTES AUGE, ZWEITES GESICHT / 6TH SENSE, 3RD EYE, 2ND SIGHT

Germany 2013

Director: Jan Riesenbeck

Art College Kassel