**FINAL PRESS RELEASE**

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The 52nd Karlovy Vary International Film Festival, a non-specialized festival with three competitive categories, took place from June 30th to July 8th this year. It was organized by Film Servis Festival Karlovy Vary, a.s., with Jiří Bartoška as president of the festival and Karel Och as an artistic director. The 53rd Karlovy Vary IFF will be held from June 29th to 7th July 2018. On July 8th 2017, the festival’s juries presented awards for the best films at the closing ceremony of the 52nd Karlovy Vary IFF.

**OFFICIAL SELECTION – COMPETITION**

GRAND JURY

Anna Brüggemann, Germany

Sarah Flack, USA

Ciro Guerra, Columbia

Michel Merkt, Principality of Monaco

Štefan Uhrík, Czech Republic

**GRAND PRIX – CRYSTAL GLOBE (25 000 USD)**

The financial award is shared equally by the director and producer of the award-winning film.

## Little Crusader / Křižáček Directed by: Václav Kadrnka Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Italy, 2017

**SPECIAL JURY PRIZE (15 000 USD)**

The financial award is shared equally by the director and producer of the award-winning film.

## Men Don’t Cry / Muškarci ne plaču

## Directed by: Alen Drljević Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia, Croatia, Germany, 2017

## BEST DIRECTOR AWARD

**Peter Bebjak** for the film **The Line** / Čiara  
Slovak Republic, Ukraine, 2017

**BEST ACTRESS AWARD**

**Jowita Budnik** and **Eliane Umuhire** ex-aequo for their roles in the film **Birds Are Singing in Kigali** / Ptaki śpiewają w Kigali

Directed by: Joanna Kos-Krauze, Krzysztof Krauze

Poland, 2017

**BEST ACTOR AWARD**

**Alexander Yatsenko** for his role in the film **Arrhythmia** / Aritmiya

Directed by: Boris Khlebnikov

Russia, Finland, Germany, 2017

**SPECIAL JURY MENTION**

**For the best First Feature Film**

**Keep the Change**

Directed by: Rachel Israel

USA, 2017

**SPECIAL JURY MENTION**

**For the Best Newcomer**

**Voica Oltean**, actress

**Breaking News**

Directed by: Iulia Rugină

Romania, 2017

**EAST OF THE WEST – COMPETITION**

EAST OF THE WEST JURY

Evrim Ersoy, Turkey

Cosima Finkbeiner, Germany

Rusudan Glurjidze, Georgia

Igor Soukmanov, Republic of Belarus

Karla Stojáková, Czech Republic

**EAST OF THE WEST GRAND PRIX (15 000 USD)**

The financial award is shared equally by the director and producer of the award-winning film.

**How Viktor “the Garlic” Took Alexey “the Stud” to the Nursing Home** / Kak Vitka Chesnok vez Lecha Shtyrya v dom invalidov

Directed by: Alexander Hant

Russia, 2017

**East of the West Special Jury Prize (10 000 USD)**

The financial award is shared equally by the director and producer of the award-winning film.

**Dede**

Directed by: Mariam Khatchvani

Georgia, Qatar, Ireland, Netherlands, Croatia, 2017

**DOCUMENTARY FILMS – COMPETITION**

DOCUMENTARY FILMS JURY

Roberto Cueto, Spain

Anne Fabini, Germany

Pavla Janoušková Kubečková, Czech Republic

**Grand Prix for Best Documentary Film (5 000 USD)**

The financial award goes to the director of the award-winning film.

**Lots of Kids, a Monkey and a Castle** / Muchos hijos, un mono y un castillo

Directed by: Gustavo Salmerón

Spain, 2017

**Documentary Special Jury Prize**

**Atelier de conversation**

Directed by: Bernhard Braunstein

Austria, France, Liechtenstein, 2017

**Právo AUDIENCE AWARD**

**Wind River**

Režie: Taylor Sheridan

USA, 2016

**Crystal Globe for Outstanding Artistic Contribution to World Cinema**

**Ken Loach**,United Kingdom

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**Paul Laverty**,United Kingdom

**Crystal Globe for Outstanding Artistic Contribution to World Cinema**

**James Newton Howard**, USA

**Festival President’s Award**

**Uma Thurman**, USA

**Festival President’s Award**

**Casey Affleck**,USA

**Festival President’s Award**

**Jeremy Renner**,USA

**Festival President’s Award for Contribution to Czech Cinematography**

**Václav Vorlíček**,Czech Republic

**NON-STATUTORY AWARDS**

**AWARD OF INTERNATIONAL FILM CRITICS (FIPRESCI)**

Awarded by The International Federation of Film Critics (FIPRESCI).

FIPRESCI JURY

Peter Kremski, Germany

Karin Svensson, Sweden

Kaan Karsan, Turkey

**Keep the Change**

Directed by: Rachel Israel  
USA, 2017

**THE ECUMENICAL JURY AWARD**

THE ECUMENICAL JURY

Ennio Terrasi Borghesan, Italy  
Laura Lots, Switzerland  
Petr Vacík, Czech Republic

**The Cakemaker**

Directed by: Ofir Raul Graizer  
Israel, Germany, 2017

**FEDEORA AWARD**

Awarded by the Federation of Film Critics of Europe and the Mediterranean (FEDEORA) to the best film from the East of the West - Competition

FEDEORA JURY

Kostas Terzis, Greece

Blagoja Kunovski, Macedonia

Eva af Geijerstam, Sweden

**Mariţa**

Directed by: Cristi Iftime  
Romania, 2017

**Special Mention**

**Blue Silence**

Directed by: Bülent Öztürk

Turkey, Belgium, 2017

**EUROPA CINEMAS LABEL AWARD**For the best European film in the Official Selection - Competition and in the East of the West - Competition.

Europa Cinemas Label jury

Marijana Bosnjak, Croatia

Kevin  Coyne, Ireland

Zachary Ioannides, Greece

Stein Sorensen, Norway

**Men Don’t Cry /** Muškarci ne plaču

Directed by: Alen Drljević

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia, Croatia, Germany, 2017

**THE WINNERS OF WORKS IN PROGRESS AWARD AND EURIMAGES LAB PROJECT AWARD @ KVIFF**

JURY

* **Iole Maria Giannattasio**, Directorate General for Cinema of the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage, Activities and Tourism, MiBACT
* **Cedomir Kolar**, producer, A.S.A.P. Films
* **Susana Santos Rodrigues**, film programmer, distributor producer and co-founder of VAIVEM

**WORKS IN PROGRESS AWARD @ KVIFF**

At the 14th edition of Works in Progress @KVIFF, eight selected projects (plus one out of competition) were presented from a total of 77 submissions from Central and Eastern Europe, the Balkans, Turkey, Greece and post-Soviet territories. The 2017 award, with a total value of EUR 100,000, includes post-production services at UPP and Soundsquare and a EUR 10,000 cash award from Barrandov Studio.

**Censor** / Cenzorka

80 min, Slovak Republic

Directed by: Peter Kerekes

Produced by: Peter Kerekes

Camera: Martin Kollár

Cast: Irina Alexandrovna, Jura Car, Ljubov Vassilina

**EURIMAGES LAB PROJECT AWARD @ KVIFF**

The Karlovy Vary IFF is one of four international festivals to present this award. The final eight projects were selected from 45 submitted projects from Eurimages countries that are currently in production or post-production, are being made outside the traditional filmmaking framework, and involve international co-operation. The best project receives an award of EUR 50,000.

**The Stand-In /** La Controfigurata

70 min, Italy, France, Morocco

Directed by: Rä di Martino

Scriptwriter: Rä di Martino

Producer: Marco Alessi

Camera: Gianclaudio Giacomini, Giulio Squillacciotti, Hasnae el Ouarga

Cast: Valeria Gollino, Filippo Timi, Corrado Sassi, Younes Bouad, Nadia Kounda, Nisrine Adam

Industry Events partners: **UPP**

**Soundsquare**

**Eurimages**

**Barrandov Studio**

**State Cinematography Fund**

**STATISTICS OF THE 52nd KARLOVY VARY IFF 2017**

The 52nd Karlovy Vary IFF 2017 was attended by 13 734 accredited visitors. Of that number 11 554 had Festival Passes, 398 were filmmakers, 1165 film professionals, and 617 journalists.

There were a total of 505 film screenings and total of 140 067 tickets were sold. A total of 207 films were shown: 179 feature films (144 full-length and 35 short) and 28 documentary films. 23 films received their world premiere, while 18 had their international premiere and 13 their European premiere. 183 screenings were personally presented by delegations of filmmakers. 96 Press & Industry screenings were held.

**FILM INDUSTRY AT THE 52nd KARLOVY VARY IFF 2017**

1248 film buyers, sellers, distributors, film festival programmers, representatives of film institutions, and other industry professionals were accredited for the 52nd Karlovy Vary IFF. 547 accredited film professionals came to the festival from abroad. 213 film buyers and distributors and 222 festival programmers chose from the new films and Works in Progress.

**ORGANIZER OF THE 52nd KARLOVY VARY IFF 2017**Film Servis Festival Karlovy Vary, a.s.

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**Organizer of the 52nd Karlovy Vary IFF 2017: Film Servis Festival Karlovy Vary, a.s.**

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Official beverage: **Karlovarská Korunní**

Official champagne: **Moët & Chandon**

Official drink: **Finlandia Vodka**

Official make-up artist: **Douglas**

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**REFLEX**

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**magazine TV Star**

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Partner of the No Barriers Project: **innogy Energie**

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