



Karlovy Vary International Film Festival

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AWARD OF INTERNATIONAL FILM CRITICS

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

FIPRESCI JURY

Hugo Emmerzael, Netherlands

Viktor Palák, Czech Republic

Ana Sturm, Slovenia

The August Virgin / La virgen de agosto

Directed by: Jonás Trueba

Spain, 2019

The award goes to a modest, unpretentious film skilfully opening a number of issues and tackling a range of emotions while maintaining an inspiring positive worldview.

THE ECUMENICAL JURY AWARD

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Alyda Faber, Canada

Martin Horálek, Czech Republic

Peter Sheehan, Australia

Lara / Lara

Directed by: Jan-Ole Gerster

Germany, 2019

A well-acted and intelligently directed film of a depressed mother's psychological humiliation of her composer-musician son. The interactions of mother and son dramatically and dynamically capture their alienation, and shows signs of movement toward positive resolution.

Ecumenical Jury Commendation

Let There Be Light / Nech je svetlo

Directed by: Marko Škop

Slovak Republic, Czech Republic, 2019

This film is structured around a mesh of wrong-doings that implicate a family, a traditional village community, and its cultural and religious practices. In a stimulating and arresting way, it compels the viewer to re-examine moral responsibilities in a context of complex entanglements of violence.



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FEDEORA AWARD

Federation of Film Critics of Europe and the Mediterranean for the best film from East of the West – Competition section.

FEDEORA JURY

Maja Bogojević, Monte Negro

Pavlina Jeleva, Bulgaria

Chiara Spagnoli Gabardi, Italy

Passed by Censor / Görülmüştür

Directed by: Serhat Karaaslan

Turkey, Germany, France, 2018

For the empathetic approach to the exploration of universal topics such as oppressive regimes and censorship, and for playing with the ambiguity of how obsessive creativity may impact social reality.

FEDEORA JURY Special Mention

Aga's House / Shpia e Agës

Directed by: Lendita Zeqiraj

Cosovo, Croatia, France, Albania 2018

For daring and nuanced filmmaking which conveys a complex and touching women's story seen through a child's eyes.

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

Maarten Alexander, Belgium

Carinzia Camilleri, Malta

Éva Demeter, Hungary

Denis Samardžić, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Scandinavian Silence / Skandinaavia vaikus

Directed by: Martti Helde

Estonia, France, Belgium, 2019

The Europa Cinemas Label of the 54th Karlovy Vary Film Festival is awarded to a film by a young Estonian director who engages its audience through an exceptional cinematic journey. The story of a troubled sibling relationship unfolds via different variations of silence. The viewer is not only engaged throughout the story by impressive camera work and outstanding music but also by a pure cinematic approach, a powerful script and an original narrative. Therefore, the jury decided unanimously to award the Europa Cinemas Label to the film *Scandinavian Silence* by director Martti Helde, part of the East of the West Competition. We look forward to see this amazing film reach audiences all over Europe.