



Karlovy Vary International Film Festival

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The 54th Karlovy Vary International Film Festival, a non-specialized festival with three competitive categories, took place from June 28th to July 6th 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 55th Karlovy Vary IFF will be held from July 3rd to July 11th 2020. On July 6th 2019, the festival's juries presented awards for the best films at the closing ceremony of the 54th Karlovy Vary IFF.

OFFICIAL SELECTION – COMPETITION

GRAND JURY

Štěpán Hulík, Czech Republic

Annemarie Jacir, State of Palestine

Sergei Loznitsa, Ukraine

Angeliki Papoulia, Greece

Charles Tesson, France

GRAND PRIX – CRYSTAL GLOBE (25 000 USD)

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

The Father / Bashtata

Directed by: Kristina Grozeva, Petar Valchanov

Bulgaria, Greece, 2019

SPECIAL JURY PRIZE (15 000 USD)

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

Lara / Lara

Directed by: Jan-Ole Gerster

Germany, 2019

BEST DIRECTOR AWARD

Tim Mielants for the film **Patrick** / De Patrick

Belgium, 2019

BEST ACTRESS AWARD

Corinna Harfouch for her role in the film **Lara** / Lara

Directed by: Jan-Ole Gerster

Germany, 2019



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BEST ACTOR AWARD

Milan Ondřík for his role in the film **Let There Be Light** / Nech je svetlo

Directed by: Marko Škop

Slovak Republic, Czech Republic, 2019

SPECIAL JURY MENTION

The August Virgin / La virgen de agosto

Directed by: Jonás Trueba

Spain, 2019

SPECIAL JURY MENTION

Promising new talent **Antonia Giesen** for her role in the film **The Man of the Future** / El hombre del futuro

Directed by: Felipe Ríos

Chile, Argentina, 2019

EAST OF THE WEST – COMPETITION

EAST OF THE WEST JURY

Denis Ivanov, Ukraine

Juho Kuosmanen, Finland

Tomáš Pavlíček, Czech Republic

Ioanna Stais, Greece

Dagnė Vildžiūnaite, Lithuania

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.

The Bull / Byk

Directed by: Boris Akopov

Russia, 2019

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.

My Thoughts Are Silent / Moi dumki tikhi

Directed by: Antonio Lukich

Ukraine, 2019



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DOCUMENTARY FILMS – COMPETITION

DOCUMENTARY FILMS JURY

Andreas Horvath, Austria

Aline Schmid, Switzerland

Gastón Solnicki, Argentina

GRAND PRIX FOR BEST DOCUMENTARY FILM (5 000 USD)

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

Immortal / Surematu

Directed by: Ksenia Okhapkina

Estonia, Latvia, 2019

DOCUMENTARY SPECIAL JURY PRIZE

Confucian Dream / Kongzi meng

Directed by: Mijie Li

China, 2019

PRÁVO AUDIENCE AWARD

Jiří Suchý – Tackling Life with Ease / Jiří Suchý – Lehce s životem se prát

Directed by: Olga Sommerová

Czech Republic, 2019



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**CRYSTAL GLOBE FOR OUTSTANDING ARTISTIC CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD
CINEMA**

Julianne Moore, USA

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Patricia Clarkson, USA

**FESTIVAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTION TO CZECH
CINEMATOGRAPHY**

Vladimír Smutný, Czech Republic



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NON-STATUTORY AWARDS

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 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

Ecumenical Jury Commendation

Let There Be Light / Nech je svetlo

Directed by: Marko Škop

Slovak Republic, Czech Republic, 2019

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

FEDEORA JURY Special Mention

Aga's House / Shpia e Agës

Directed by: Lendita Zeqiraj

Cosovo, Croatia, France, Albania, 2018



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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



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KVIFF EASTERN PROMISES WINNERS: WORKS IN PROGRESS, DOCS IN PROGRESS, EURIMAGES LAB PROJECT AWARD AND KVIFF & MIDPOINT DEVELOPMENT AWARD AT KARLOVY VARY IFF 2019

WORKS IN PROGRESS (100,000 Euro)

JURY

Khalil Benkirane, Qatar

Aija Berzina, Latvia

Virginie Devesa, France

Works in Progress is a platform for feature films in progress from Central and Eastern Europe, the Balkans, ex-USSR countries, the Middle East and newly also North Africa, which will premiere after the Karlovy Vary IFF. This year, 9 projects were pitched. The winner was awarded a prize of a **total value of 100,000 EUR**, consisting of postproduction services from UPP (60,000 EUR) and Soundsquare (30,000 EUR) and 10,000 EUR in cash from Barrandov Studio.

Pigeon's Milk / Moloko Ptitsy

Directed by: Eugen Maryan

Producers: Roman Borisevich, Alexander Kushaev, Anna Shalashina
Russia, Moldova

DOCS IN PROGRESS (5,000 EUR)

JURY

Pierre-Alexis Chevit, France

Lejla Dedić, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Patricia Drati, Denmark

Docs in Progress a platform for documentary films in progress from Central and Eastern Europe, the Balkans, ex-USSR countries, the Middle East and newly also North Africa, that will premiere after the Karlovy Vary IFF. This year, 8 projects were pitched. The winner was awarded a prize of **5,000 EUR**.

The Silhouettes / Saayeha

Directed by: Afsaneh Salari

Producers: Afsaneh Salari, Jewel Maranan
Iran, Philippines



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EURIMAGES LAB PROJECT AWARD (50 000 EUR)

JURY

Majlinda Tafa, Albania

Tereza Nvotová, Slovak Republic / Czech Republic

Frank Peijnenburg, Netherlands

The Karlovy Vary IFF is the first of 4 European film festivals of the festival season to award the Eurimages award. The prize in the value of **50,000 EUR** is dedicated to films in the production or postproduction stage that cross traditional forms of cinematographic expressions and are produced in international collaborations. This year's KVIFF saw 8 project pitches from the Eurimages fund member countries.

Bottled Songs

Directed by: Kevin B. Lee, Chloé Galibert-Laîné

Producers: Kevin B. Lee, Chloé Galibert-Laîné

Germany, France, USA, Finland

KVIFF & MIDPOINT DEVELOPMENT AWARD (10 000 EUR)

For the first time this year, the Karlovy Vary IFF in collaboration with MIDPOINT script and project development program as well as When East Meets West co-production market and Trieste Film Festival also awarded the KVIFF & MIDPOINT Development Award. The award is designed for screenplays that have gone through development within the Feature Launch 2019 program and are ready for co-production. This year's KVIFF saw 8 Works in Development pitches, and the winner received a cash prize of 10,000 EUR.

Some Birds / Valami Madarak

Directed by: Dániel Hevér

Producer: László Dreissiger

Hungary

In cooperation with its partner First Cut Lab, the Industry Office also announced adding one more KVIFF Eastern Promises platform to its program for 2020: from next year on, the First Cut+ section will bring expert consultancy on editing and marketing strategy to 8 feature films in the rough-cut stage.



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STATISTICS OF THE 54TH KARLOVY VARY IFF 2019

The 54th Karlovy Vary IFF 2019 was attended by 12 521 accredited visitors. Of that number 10 363 had Festival Passes, 395 were filmmakers, 1158 film professionals, and 605 journalists.

There were a total of 497 film screenings and total of 139 271 tickets were sold. A total of 182 films were shown: 149 feature films and 33 documentary films. 34 films received their world premiere, while 8 had their international premiere and 6 their European premiere. 206 screenings were personally presented by delegations of filmmakers. 97 Press & Industry screenings were held.

FILM INDUSTRY AT THE 54TH KARLOVY VARY IFF 2019

1 315 producers, sales representatives, film buyers, distributors, film festival programmers, film institution representatives and other film professionals were accredited for the 54th Karlovy Vary IFF. 730 of the industry professionals came from abroad. 281 film buyers and distributors and 180 film festival programmers came to select new movies as well as nearly 40 works in progress presented at the festival.



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