



Karlovy Vary International Film Festival

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The 55th Karlovy Vary International Film Festival, a non-specialized festival with two competitive categories, took place from August 20th to August 28th 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 56th Karlovy Vary IFF will be held from July 1st to July 9th 2022. On August 28th 2021, the festival's juries presented awards for the best films at the closing ceremony of the 55th Karlovy Vary IFF.

CRYSTAL GLOBE COMPETITION

CRYSTAL GLOBE JURY

Eva Mulvad, Denmark

Marta Nieradkiewicz, Poland

Christos Nikou, Greece

Christoph Terhechte, Germany

GRAND PRIX – CRYSTAL GLOBE (25 000 USD)

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

As Far as I Can Walk / Strahinja Banović

Directed by: Stefan Arsenijević

Serbia, France, Luxembourg, Bulgaria, Lithuania, 2021

SPECIAL JURY PRIZE (15 000 USD)

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

Every Single Minute / Každá minuta života

Directed by: Erika Hníková

Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, 2021

BEST DIRECTOR AWARD

Dietrich Brüggemann for the film **Nö**

Germany, 2021

BEST ACTRESS AWARD

Éléonore Loiselle for her role in the film **Wars** / Guerres

Canada, 2021

BEST ACTOR AWARD

Ibrahim Koma for his role in the film **As Far as I Can Walk** / Strahinja Banović

Serbia, France, Luxembourg, Bulgaria, Lithuania, 2021



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SPECIAL JURY MENTION

The Staffroom / Zbornica
Directed by: Sonja Tarokić
Croatia, 2021

SPECIAL JURY MENTION

Vinette Robinson for her role in the film **Boiling Point**
United Kingdom, 2020

SPECIAL JURY MENTION

Jelena Stanković for cinematography in the film **As Far as I Can Walk** / Strahinja Banović
Serbia, France, Luxembourg, Bulgaria, Lithuania, 2021

PRÁVO AUDIENCE AWARD

Zátopek
Directed by: David Ondříček
Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, 2021



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EAST OF THE WEST COMPETITION

EAST OF THE WEST JURY

Alise Ģelze, Latvia

Atanas Georgiev, Macedonia

Michal Hogenauer, Czech Republic

Tonia Mishiali, Cyprus

Ariel Schweitzer, France

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.

Nuuccha

Directed by: Vladimir Munkuev

Russia, 2021

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.

Sisterhood / Sestri

Directed by: Dina Duma

North Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, 2021

SPECIAL JURY MENTION

Intensive Life Unit / Jednotka intenzivního života

Directed by: Adéla Komrží

Czech Republic, 2021



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**CRYSTAL GLOBE FOR OUTSTANDING ARTISTIC CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD CIN-
EMA**

Michael Caine, Great Britain

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

Jan Svěrák, Czech Republic

FESTIVAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Ethan Hawke, USA



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NON-STATUTORY AWARDS

AWARD OF INTERNATIONAL FILM CRITICS

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

At this year's edition of Karlovy Vary IFF the FIPRESCI prize was awarded in memory of Jan Foll (1951–2021), an unmistakable persona of Czech film criticism who influenced several generations of young journalist.

FIPRESCI JURY

Birgit Beumers, United Kingdom

Eirik Bull, Norway

Adéla Mrázová, Czech Republic

Exam / Ezmûn

Directed by: Shawkat Amin Korki

Germany, Iraqi Kurdistan, Qatar, 2021

THE ECUMENICAL JURY AWARD

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Pierre-Auguste Henry, France

Angelika Obert, Germany

Joel Ruml, Czech Republic

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ECUMENICAL JURY COMMENDATION

The Staffroom / Zbornica

Directed by: Sonja Tarokić

Croatia, 2021

FEDEORA AWARD

For the best film from East of the West Competition section.

FEDEORA JURY

Natascha Drubek-Meyer, Germany

Mihai Fulger, Romania

Nino Kovačić, Croatia

Otar's Death / Otar's Death

Directed by: Ioseb "Soso" Bliadze

Georgia, Germany, Lithuania, 2021



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FEDEORA JURY SPECIAL MENTION

Intensive Life Unit / Jednotka intenzivního života
Directed by: Adéla Komrží
Czech Republic, 2021

EUROPA CINEMAS LABEL AWARD

For the best European film from the Crystal Globe Competition and East of the West Competition.

Europa Cinemas Label Jury
Linda Arbanová, Czech Republic
Erika Borsos, Hungary
Gregor Janežič, Slovenia

As Far as I Can Walk / Strahinja Banović
Directed by: Stefan Arsenijević
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KVIFF EASTERN PROMISES WINNERS: WORKS IN PROGRESS, WORKS IN DEVELOPMENT – FEATURE LAUNCH AND FIRST CUT+ AT KARLOVY VARY IFF 2021

Due to the situation related to Covid-19, the projects selected for KVIFF Eastern Promises 2021 were presented online before the festival, from July 28 to August 12. A total of 29 projects were showcased across 3 programs.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

JURY

Martina Bleis, Germany

Uldis Cekulis, Latvia

Yohann Comte, France

Esra Demirkiran, Turkey

Michaela Patriková, Czech Republic

Works in Progress is a platform for feature films in post-production or late production stage from Central and Eastern Europe, the Balkans, ex-USSR countries, the Middle East and North Africa, which will premiere after the Karlovy Vary IFF. For the very first time this year, Works in Progress 2021 has merged fiction and documentary films under one program, and a total of 12 projects were pitched. The winner was awarded a prize consisting of post production services from UPP and Soundsquare. Furthermore, two projects were awarded 5.000 EUR each for their further development, sponsored respectively by TRT and KVIFF.

WORKS IN PROGRESS POST-PRODUCTION DEVELOPMENT AWARD

An Owl, a Garden and the Writer (Iran, France)

Directed by: Sara Dolatabadi

Producers: Amir Naderi, Sara Dolatabadi, Farhad Mohammadi (associate producer)

Screenwriter: Sara Dolatabadi

WORKS IN PROGRESS TRT AWARD (5.000 EUR)

Victim / Obet' (Slovak Republic, Czech Republic, Germany)

Directed by: Michal Blaško

Producers: Jakub Viktorín, Pavla Janoušková Kubečková

Screenwriter: Jakub Medvecký

WORKS IN PROGRESS KARLOVY VARY IFF AWARD (5.000 EUR)

Tina & Megi (Georgia, Germany)

Directed by: Ioseb "Soso" Bliadze

Producer: Eva Blondiau

Screenwriters: Tamar Mumladze, Ioseb "Soso" Bliadze

WORKS IN DEVELOPMENT – FEATURE LAUNCH (10.000 EUR)



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KVIFF & MIDPOINT JURY

Danijel Hočevár, Slovenia

Arnaud Gourmelen, France

Karla Stojáková, Czech Republic

For this KVIFF & MIDPOINT Development Award, KVIFF has partnered with the Midpoint Institute script and project development program as well as with the When East Meets West co-production market and Trieste Film Festival. Together they have showcased 9 projects from Central and Eastern Europe that have gone through development and mentoring within the Feature Launch 2021 program. The jury has awarded a 10,000 EUR cash prize for further development of the project.

Head Nurse / Sestra Hana (Czech Republic)

Directed by: Jan Vejnar

Producer: Kamila Dohnalová

Screenwriter: Jan Vejnar, Václav Hašek

SPECIAL MENTION

ALIYA (Israel, Russia, Poland)

Directed by: Dekel Berenson

Producers: Marek Rozenbaum, Alexander Rodnyansky, Paul Wesley, Co-Producers: Anna Rozalska, Aleksandra Aleksander

Screenwriter: Dekel Berenson, Co-writer: Greer Ellison

CONNECTING COTTBUS AWARD

JURY

Marjorie Bendeck, (Republic of Honduras)

Katharin Stumm, (Germany)

The Bomber / Spridzinātājs (Latvia)

Directed by: Pauls Kesteris

Producer: Inese Boka-Grūbe

Screenwriter: Gatis Murnieks

ROTTERDAM LAB AWARD

JURY

Alessia Acone, (Italy)

Mirjam Klootwijk, (Netherlands)

The jury awarded **Aleksandra Aleksander**, producer of project **ALIYA** (Israel, Russia, Poland)

FIRST CUT+ AWARDS



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JURY

Michael Arnon, (USA)
Esra Demirkiran, (Turkey)
Laurin Dietrich, (Germany)
Alexis Hamaide, (France)
Boris Pugnot, (France)
Federico Spoletti, (Italy)

First Cut+ is a new program created for boosting the competitiveness and marketability of feature films that previously participated in First Cut Lab. It was launched in 2020 through close cooperation with two dynamic and well-established film industry platforms: Trieste's When East Meets West and Karlovy Vary IFF's Eastern Promises Industry Days. Eight projects coming mainly from Central and Eastern Europe were presented this year.

TRT AWARD (5.000 EUR)

A Piece of Sky / Drii Winter (Switzerland, Germany)
Directed by: Michael Koch
Producer: Christof Neracher
Screenwriter: Michael Koch

SUB-TI AWARD

The Hatcher / Matecznik (Poland)
Directed by: Grzegorz Mołda
Producer: Izabela Igel
Screenwriter: Grzegorz Mołda, Monika Powalisz

FIRST CUT+ AWARD

The Hatcher / Matecznik (Poland)
Directed by: Grzegorz Mołda
Producer: Izabela Igel
Screenwriter: Grzegorz Mołda, Monika Powalisz

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STATISTICS OF THE 55TH KARLOVY VARY IFF 2021

The 55th Karlovy Vary IFF 2021 was attended by 9267 accredited visitors. Of that number 7851 had Festival Passes, 338 were filmmakers, 601 accredited film professionals, and 477 journalists.

There were a total of 456 film screenings and total of 111 203 tickets were sold. A total of 144 films were shown: 122 feature films and 22 documentary films. 29 films received their world premiere, while 12 had their international premiere and 2 their European premiere. 149 screenings were personally presented by delegations of filmmakers. 90 Press & Industry screenings were held.

The KVIFF Eastern Promises presentations were attended online by 288 buyers, distributors and dramaturgs who chose from 29 films in development.



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