

# FINAL PRESS RELEASE July 9<sup>th</sup> 2022

The 56<sup>th</sup> Karlovy Vary International Film Festival, a non-specialized festival with two competitive categories, took place from July 1<sup>st</sup> to July 9<sup>th</sup> this year. It was organized by Film Servis Festival Karlovy Vary, a.s., with Jiří Bartoška as the president of the festival and Karel Och as its artistic director. The 57<sup>th</sup> Karlovy Vary IFF will be held from June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 8<sup>th</sup> 2023. On July 9<sup>th</sup> 2022, the festival's juries presented awards for the best films at the closing ceremony of the 56<sup>th</sup> Karlovy Vary IFF.

# **CRYSTAL GLOBE COMPETITION**

CRYSTAL GLOBE JURY Benjamin Domenech, Argentina Jan-Ole Gerster, Germany Roman Gutek, Poland Fiorella Moretti, Peru Molly Malene Stensgaard, Denmark

#### GRAND PRIX - CRYSTAL GLOBE (25 000 USD)

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

# **Summer with Hope** / Tabestan Ba Omid Directed by: Sadaf Foroughi Canada, Iran, 2022

# SPECIAL JURY PRIZE (15 000 USD)

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



You Have to Come and See It / Tenéis que venir a verla Directed by: Jonás Trueba Spain, 2022

# **BEST DIRECTOR AWARD**

**Beata Parkanová** for the film **Word** / Slovo Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Poland, 2022

# **BEST ACTRESS AWARD**

Award was awarded ex-aequo.

**Taki Mumladze** for her role in the film **A Room Of My Own** / Chemi otakhi Georgia, Germany, 2022

Mariam Khundadze for her role in the film A Room Of My Own / Chemi otakhi Georgia, Germany, 2022

#### **BEST ACTOR AWARD**

**Martin Finger** for his role in the film **Word** / Slovo Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Poland, 2022

#### PRÁVO AUDIENCE AWARD

**PSH Neverending Story** / PSH Nekonečný příběh Režie: Štěpán FOK Vodrážka Česká republika, 2022



# **PROXIMA COMPETITION**

PROXIMA JURY Yrsa Roca Fannberg, Iceland Pavel Klusák, Czech Republic Michael Rosenberg, USA Myroslav Slaboshpytskiy, Ukraine

### PROXIMA GRAND PRIX (15 000 USD)

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

**Art Talent Show** / Zkouška umění Directed by: Adéla Komrzý, Tomáš Bojar Czech Republic, 2022

# PROXIMA SPECIAL JURY PRIZE (10 000 USD)

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

La Pietà / La Piedad Directed by: Eduardo Casanova Spain, Argentina, 2022

# **SPECIAL JURY MENTION**

**The Uncle** / Stric Directed by: David Kapac, Andrija Mardešić Croatia, Serbia, 2022



# CRYSTAL GLOBE FOR OUTSTANDING ARTISTIC CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD CINEMA

Geoffrey Rush, Australia

# FESTIVAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTION TO CZECH CINEMATOGRAPHY

Boleslav Polívka, Czech Republic

### FESTIVAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Benicio Del Toro, Puerto Rico



# NON-STATUTORY AWARDS

### THE ECUMENICAL JURY AWARD

Since 1994 the Ecumenical Jury has awarded films from the Crystal Globe Competition that display high artistic quality while questioning social, political, ethical, and spiritual values. It promotes directors who emphasize the search for truth, justice, and hope in accordance with Christian Gospels.

THE ECUMENICAL JURY Annette Gjerde Hansen, Norway Veronika Lišková, Czech Republic Théo Péporté, Luxembourg

A Provincial Hospital / Edna provintsialna bolnitsa Directed by: Ilian Metev, Ivan Chertov, Zlatina Teneva Bulgaria, Germany, 2022

#### EUROPA CINEMAS LABEL AWARD

Since 2003, the Europa Cinemas Label has been awarded to a European film by a jury of Europa Cinemas exhibitors at five European festivals. It aims to increase the promotion, circulation and exhibition lifespan of winning films. The Europa Cinemas Label awards the best European film from the Crystal Globe and Proxima Competitions.

EUROPA CINEMAS LABEL JURY Edit Csenki, Hungary Leena Närekangas, Finland Kis Rauff, Denmark

**Fucking Bornholm** Directed by: Anna Kazejak Poland, 2022

#### **FIPRESCI AWARD**

The International Federation of Film Critics Jury awards two FIPRESCI Prizes to films from the Crystal Globe Competition and from the Proxima Competition that best promote film art and encourages new and young cinema.



FIPRESCI JURY Nada Azhari Gillon, France Britt Sørensen, Norway Adam Kruk, Poland Gulnara Abikeyeva, Kazakhstan Rasha Hosny, Egypt Marek Čermák, Czech Republic

The FIPRESCI award for the best film in the Crystal Globe Competition.

**Borders of Love** / Hranice lásky Directed by: Tomasz Wiński Czech Republic, Poland, 2022

The FIPRESCI award for the best film in the PROXIMA Competition.

Art Talent Show / Zkouška umění Directed by: Adéla Komrzý, Tomáš Bojar Czech Republic, 2022



# KVIFF EASTERN PROMISES WINNERS: WORKS IN PROGRESS, WORKS IN DEVELOPMENT – FEATURE LAUNCH, FIRST CUT+ WORKS IN PROGRESS AND ODESA IFF WORKS IN PROGRESS AT KARLOVY VARY IFF 2022

KVIFF Eastern Promises 2022, the festival's production market, showcased a total of 35 film projects across 4 programs during the Karlovy Vary IFF.

#### WORKS IN PROGRESS

JURY Dennis Ruh, Germany Cosima Finkbeiner, Germany Esra Demirkiran, Turkey Michaela Patríková, Czech Republic Ewa Puszczyńska, Poland

**Works in Progress** is a platform for feature and documentary films in post-production or late-production stage from Central and Eastern Europe, the Balkans, the former Soviet Union, the Middle East and North Africa, which will premiere after the Karlovy Vary IFF. A total of 10 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, one sponsored by TRT Cinema and one by KVIFF.

# WORKS IN PROGRESS POST-PRODUCTION DEVELOPMENT AWARD (90,000 EUR)

**The Burdened** / Al Murhaqoon Directed by: Amr Gamal Yemen, Sudan

# WORKS IN PROGRESS TRT AWARD (5,000 EUR)

**Windless** / Bezvetrie Directed by: Pavel G. Vesnakov Bulgaria, Italy

#### WORKS IN PROGRESS KARLOVY VARY IFF AWARD (5,000 EUR)

**Endless Summer Syndrome** / Le syndrome de l'été infini Directed by: Kaveh Daneshmand Turkey, France



SPECIAL MENTION The Visitors / Návštěvníci Directed by: Veronika Lišková Czech Republic, Norway, Slovakia

### WORKS IN DEVELOPMENT – FEATURE LAUNCH

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 that have gone through development and mentoring within the Feature Launch program. The jury has awarded a 10,000 EUR cash prize for further development of the project.

KVIFF & MIDPOINT JURY Danijel Hočevar, Slovenia Paul Ridd, United Kingdom Julia Sinkevych, Ukraine

KVIFF & MIDPOINT DEVELOPMENT AWARD (10,000 EUR) My Best Friend's Baby / Min bästa vans bebis Directed by: Sophia Vuković Sweden

#### **CONNECTING COTTBUS AWARD**

JURY Marjorie Bendeck, Republic of Honduras Katharina Stumm, Germany

**Dolphin** / Delfin Directed by: Sonja Orlewicz-Zakrzewska Poland



#### **ROTTERDAM LAB AWARD**

JURY Inke Van Loocke, Netherlands

The award goes to **Magdalena Sztorc**, producer of the film **Dolphin /** Delfin Poland

# FIRST CUT+ WORKS IN PROGRESS

JURY Esra Demirkiran, Turkey Ji Lacerna, Philippines Boris Pugnet, France

First Cut+ is a programme created for boosting the competitiveness and marketability of feature films that previously participated in First Cut Lab. The programme 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. Each year, it promotes a portfolio of 16 fiction feature films at the stage of post-production – eight of them were presented here in Karlovy Vary.

**TRT FIRST CUT+ AWARD (5,000 EUR) The Maiden** Directed: Graham Foy Canada, USA

#### **ODESA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL WIP SELECTION AWARD (10,000 EUR)**

JURY: Pavlína Žipková, Czech Republic Petr Tichý, Czech Republic Simone Baumann, Germany Barbora Struss, Slovakia Alessandro Gropplero, Italy

In full support of Ukrainian filmmakers and festival organisers, this year's KVIFF hosted the Works in Progress programme of the 13th Odesa International Film Festival, which cannot



be held there because of Russian aggression. Eight full-length film projects in the final stage of shooting or in post-production produced in Ukraine or in co-production with Ukraine, selected by the OIFF selection committee, were presented by their creators. The jury has awarded a 10,000 EUR cash prize for further development of the project, sponsored by Barrandov Studio.

**U Are the Universe** / Ty – Kosmos Directed by: Pavlo Ostrikov Ukraine

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# STATISTICS OF THE 56<sup>th</sup> KARLOVY VARY IFF 2022

The 56<sup>th</sup> Karlovy Vary IFF 2022 was attended by 10 592 accredited visitors. Of that number 8 717 had Festival Passes, 414 were filmmakers, 931 accredited film professionals, and 530 journalists.

There were a total of 453 film screenings and total of 121 015 tickets were sold. A total of 170 films were screened, including 108 feature fiction films, 24 feature documentaries and 38 short films. 35 films received their world premiere, while 6 had their international premiere and 4 their European premiere. 158 screenings were personally presented by delegations of filmmakers. 86 Press & Industry screenings were held.

The KVIFF Eastern Promises production market showcased 35 films in development or production.



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