



ZLÍN FILM FESTIVAL 2013

The 53rd International Film Festival for Children and Youth in Zlín

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Dear guests and visitors to all of the ZFF events and respected journalists!

I can honestly state with joy that the 53rd annual festival went well. The unstable weather had no effect on the running of the competition screenings nor on the vast majority of the film program. Your favorable reaction to what our program had to offer has given us reason to believe that the ZFF's program was a success. I'd like to congratulate not only the victors of the international competitions, but all the filmmakers – all of whom found success with the festival's audiences here in Zlín. We are only sorry that the cold rainy weather did not enable all of the events of the supporting program to take place according to plan in their full glory. Surely we'll be able to influence this factor as well in the future.

I'd like to thank the judges for accepting the task and for acquitting themselves responsibly and honorably here in Zlín.

Also, let me express my gratitude to our co-organizers, partners and supporters of the ZFF! It is only thanks to their assistance that our festival is of world significance.

In addition, we highly value the work of journalists and the media. The success of such an enormous event as the ZFF is significantly dependent on the media's helpfulness and generosity. The good news is that concepts like culture and children are welcomed with open arms by the Czech media.

Kudos are also due to the ZFF's organizational team. The team spirit that has been present is evidence of the fact that good will and diligence are preconditions for success. Thank you, everybody!

Markéta Pášmová,
festival program director

On behalf of ENAPO, I'd like to use this opportunity to thank not only all of the film enthusiasts, but also the organizing team for their co-operation and empathetic approach. The smiles on children's faces, the satisfaction of film-lovers and the varied selection of films compensated all of the festival's participants for this year's bad weather. Along with film audiences, we all enjoyed an unforgettable atmosphere at many unique events, be they film, social or supporting events. We are extremely pleased that we could be part of this prestigious festival and we are looking forward to next year's 54th anniversary.

Jan Svoboda,
Marketing Director of the company ENAPO

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FILMFEST, s.r.o., organizer of the 53rd ZLÍN FILM FESTIVAL, would like to thank all of its **co-organizers, supporters and partners** for their support and assistance:

The co-organizer of the festival was the city of Zlín, the general partner was ENAPO OBCHODNÍ a.s.. The main partners were ŠKODA AUTO a.s., DHL Express (Czech Rep.) s.r.o., IMPROMAT INT., spol. s r.o., Lesy České republiky, s. p., and the Zlín Region. Our main media partners were Czech Television, Czech Radio, DNES, and Idnes.cz. Special thanks go to Dynamo Design s.r.o., the Czech Committee for UNICEF, and the Embassy of the Kingdom of Denmark in Prague. The festival took place with financial support from the Czech Ministry of Culture, the Czech State Fund for the Support and Development of Czech Cinematography, and the EU MEDIA program, as well as with the support of the Commercial and Entertainment Center Zlaté Jablko, the Golden Apple Cinema multiplex cinema, Czech Railways a.s., Tomas Bata University in Zlín and PEGAS Nonwovens.

The organizer also thanks all those who have given this festival official patronage:

the 53rd **ZLÍN FILM FESTIVAL 2013** took place under the auspices of the president of the Czech Republic Miloš Zeman, prime minister Petr Nečas, minister of culture Alena Hanáková, the ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark H.E. Mr. Anders Christian Hoppe, the governor of the Zlín Region Stanislav Mišák, mayor of the city of Zlín Miroslav Adámek and the Czech Committee for UNICEF.

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THE 53RD ZLÍN FILM FESTIVAL IN NUMBERS

The 53RD ZLÍN FILM FESTIVAL offered **354 screenings**, at which were shown a total of **299 live-action, animated and combined live-action/animated films from 53 countries of the world**, including 6 world premieres and 25 International premieres. A total of 160 films were shown in the Czech Republic for the first time.

The main festival program and supporting events were accompanied by a great amount of interest from visitors of all generations. **Total attendance** reached the extraordinary number of **95.000** people, out of which attendance at film screenings had 65.000 cinema-goers (including the Cinema-train and projections in partner towns). This year, 30.000 visitors didn't allow themselves to miss the attractive supporting program.

The 53RD ZLÍN FILM FESTIVAL had **1.820 accredited guests from all over the world**.

CELEBRITIES AT THE 53RD ZLÍN FILM FESTIVAL

The predominant non-competition section **Days of Danish Cinema** was accompanied by the personal attendance of actors Cyron Melville (*You & Me Forever*, *Curse of the Seeress*, *Fightgirl Ayse*, *Love and Rage*, *Triple Dare*) and Pelle Hvenegaard (*Pelle the Conqueror*); chairman of the jury producer Per Holst; juror, screenwriter and director Christian Dyekjaer; juror and director Jannik Hastrup; the young actress Frederikke Dahl Hansen (*You & Me Forever*); and Jacob S. Breuning from the Danish Film Institute - DFI Children & Youth. A delegation of the artists Lotte Svendsen, Mette Agnethe Horn, Samuel Seifert-Heller accompanied the third installment of the film *Max Embarrassing* to Zlín.

Additional **foreign artists** also personally presented their films in Zlín, e.g. Swiss actor Max Hubacher (*The Foster Boy*), Belgian director Vincent Bal and Dutch actress Jessica Zeylmaker (*Nono*, *the Zigzag Kid*), Swedish screenwriter and director Stephan Apelgren (*Eskil & Trinidad*) and many others.

A considerable amount of attention was also created by **popular actors and actresses from the Czech Republic**, among them Jiřina Bohdalová, Sandra Nováková, Marek Eben, Jiří Mádl and Jiří Dvořák. The festival welcomed directors Pavel Jandourek and Jiří Stracha, writer Arnošt Goldflam, versatile filmmaker Miloslav Šmídmajer and the creative duo responsible for the legendary Lucky Four, the married Němeček couple. Also sitting in the jury were actresses Barbora Poláková and Danica Jurčová.

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