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### THE 59th ZLIN FILM FESTIVAL KNOWS ITS WINNERS

Zlín – The jury of the 59th Zlín Film Festival have watched all the films which were entered into this year's competition and they have chosen the winners. As all the competition films have already been screened and the winners have been announced, the Zlín Film Festival is heading to its finale. The most successful film of the festival was the German feature *Rocca Changes the World*, receiving awards from both the jury and the audience. Aside from the competition films, visitors have enjoyed screenings of non-competition films devoted to nature, people and countries reflecting the central theme of this year's festival "Discover and Explore" and also a rich programme of supporting events, including travel talks and events centered around the explorer, Miroslav Zikmund.

The closing 59th Zlín Film Festival know its winners, the organisers have already announced the winning artists and their films. Four of them will be screened on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Many Czech and international celebrities, such as singer Karel Gott, actors and actresses Jan Hrušínský, Miluše Šplechtová, Anna Geislerová, Jan Potměšil, Klára Pollertová-Trojanová, Klára Issová, Jan Cina, British actress Eleanor Worthington-Cox, Milena Tschardtke from Germany and Irish actress Jordanne Jones have visited Zlín during the festival. Nearly 200 film delegations have accompanied and introduced their films to the festival.

The organisers are proud to have welcomed 2 600 accredited guests and more than 42 000 visitors, who visited cinemas during the eight festival days. *"We are happy that the Discover & Explore section found its audience and that film was once again the main focus of the festival. One of the reasons was that we have increased the number of screenings of individual films, which gave the viewers a chance to see more of them; also, film education does work well in Zlín and after leaving the cinema, filmgoers have plenty of places where they can spend some time together,"* explains Markéta Pášmová, the art director of the festival.



“We expect the total number of visitors in all of the nine days of the festival including tomorrow’s programme to be 110-115 000 people, which is slightly less than last year and can be attributed to this year’s bad weather,” says festival director, Čestmír Vančura.

The Golden Slipper was awarded to **My Extraordinary Summer with Tess** (Best Feature Film for Children), **Giant Little Ones** (Best Feature Film for Youth) and to the Czech animated film **Cloudy** (Best Animated Short). The German **Rocca Changes the World** won four awards, including three jury awards and an audience award for the most successful feature film.

A special award for work in the field of children and youth cinema was also presented. **The Golden Slipper** for exceptional interpretation of songs in Czech films was awarded to **singer, actor and artist Karel Gott**.

During the opening ceremony, **the executive director of ČT :D Petr Koliha** received the Zlin Festival Grand Prix Award for long-term achievements in developing and presenting children and youth cinema.

This year's festival also introduced a new award in the European Debuts section – **Karel Zeman Award - Special Recognition for Best Visual Concept**. It was won by the German film **Cleo – If I Could Turn Back Time**.

The 59th Zlin Film Festival has been inspired by the 100th birthday of the legendary traveller Miroslav Zikmund and has adopted a theme of “Discover and Explore”. The next & 60th annual festival will take place from Friday 29th May until Saturday 6th of June, 2020. “Next year’s festival theme will be the celebration of our festival as such. We want to look back at its 60-year history. Not so much with nostalgia, it is rather a challenge for us to make it better for the years to come,” said Čestmír Vančura.

Apart from Zlin, visitors could also enjoy watching festival films in other surrounding towns and cities. The 59th Zlin Film Festival will officially come to its end in Mikulov where the 3rd annual The Mikulov Echoes of the Zlín Film Festival takes place from 7th until 11th June.

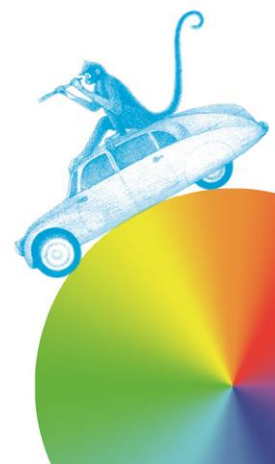
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## FILM PROGRAM

The 59th Zlín Film Festival will feature 280 films from 51 countries around the world

### COMPETITION CATEGORIES:

- International Competition of Feature Films for Children
- International Competition of Feature Films for Youth
- International Competition of Short Animated Films for Children
- Competition of European Documentary Films for Children and Youth
- Competition of European First Feature Films
- Zlín Dog - International Competition of Student Films

### DISCOVER AND EXPLORE:

- People
- Nature
- Countries

### FESTIVAL CLASICS:

- GALA Festival
- Panorama
- New Czech film and TV



## The 22nd FILM CLAPPERBOARDS SALON

### **FILMTALENT ZLÍN SUPPORTS YOUNG FILMMAKERS, 27 PROJECTS RECEIVE A TOTAL OF 1,64 MILLION CZK**

A traditional event of the Zlin Film Festival, the public auction of this year's 22<sup>nd</sup> Film Clapperboards Salon took place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May. This time, 123 clapperboards with works by famous artists such as Iva Hüttnerová, Kristián Kodet, Kateřina Miler and many others were offered for bidding. The biggest interest was in Jaroslav Němeček's clapperboard depicting the characters from the famous comics Čtyřlístek, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. The highest bid for this clapperboard was 85,000 Czech korunas.

The FILMTALENT Endowment Fund supports the projects of young artists and students of participating film schools (FAMU, FAMO, VŠMU, UTB Zlín, Střední škola filmová, Multimediální a PC technologie, s.r.o. Zlín) with the proceeds from the auction. *"We were presented with 85 projects. After a second round of personal presentations by their makers, we have decided to support 27 of them."*, confirms the chairman of The FILMTALENT Endowment Fund Board, Čestmír Vančura. A total amount of 1,640,000 Czech korunas will be distributed to the young artists.

This year's Film Clapperboards Salon was marked by an unprecedented interest from bidders. *"Eight of the clapperboards have been sold to international bidders. A number of qualified collectors and art dealers also took part in the auction,"* emphasised Čestmír Vančura. All of the 123 clapperboards were successfully sold with a record proceed of 2,654,000 Czech korunas.

Over the course of the 22 years of its existence, the Film Clapperboards Salon has auctioned a total of 2,492 clapperboards with total proceeds of 35,588,000 Czech korunas. The most successful clapperboard of all time entitled „Open Clapperboard Full of Desire“ by Libor Vojkůvka was auctioned for 199,000 Czech korunas.



## PERSONALITIES OF THE 59<sup>th</sup> ZFF 2019

Karel Gott  
Ivana Gottová  
Jan Hrušínský  
Miluše Šplechtová  
Helena Vondráčková  
Livia Klausová  
Kristián Kodet  
Jaroslav Němeček  
Iva Hüttnerová  
Kateřina Miler  
Klára Pollertová-Trojanová  
Barbora Poláková  
Lenka Krobotová  
Jan Cina  
Klára Issová  
Jan Čenský  
Dana Morávková  
Roman Vojtek  
Dorota Nvotová  
Aňa Geislerová  
Arnošt Goldflam  
Dagmar Bláhová  
Danica Jurčová  
Jan Potměšil  
Lukáš Pavlásek  
Pavλίna Němcová  
Emma Smetana  
Jordan Haj  
Frank Tomas Grapl  
Magdalena Reifová  
Pavel Nový  
Jan Onder  
Stanislav Majer  
Radoslav Gipsy Banga

Lukáš Hejlík  
Veronika Hejlíková  
Roman Zach  
Pavla Gomba  
Marián Polák  
Přemysl Rabas  
Dan Přibáň  
Ivan Pokorný  
Iva Procházková  
Marek Adamczyk  
Eva Samková  
Michal Šlesingr  
Tomáš Krupčík  
Tomáš Boček  
Josef Trojan  
Anna Linhartová Kameníková  
Petr Malásek  
Hana Holišová  
Josef Náhlovský  
Martin Hrdinka  
Pavel Šporcl  
Tereza Kopáčová  
Vlastimil Harapes  
Filip Teller  
Michal Balcar  
Tereza Mašková  
Michal Hruža  
Kristýna Frejová  
Zuzana Vejvodová  
Gabriela Heclová  
Naomi Adachi  
Šárka Marková  
Petra Pífková  
Petra Vraspírová



## DELEGATIONS PRESENT AT THE 59<sup>TH</sup> ZFF 2019

### **International Competition of Feature Films for Children**

Andrew Mapp (producer) to the film *Storm Boy* (Australia)

Steven Wouterlood (director), Sonny Coops Van Utteren (child actor) to the film *My Extraordinary Summer with Tess* (Netherlands/Germany)

Safdar Ahman (director), Rajat Agrawal (producer) to the film *Chippa* (India)

Dražen Žarković (director) to the film *My Grandpa is an Alien* (Croatia/Luxembourg/Norway/Czech republic/Slovakia/Slovenia/Bosnia and Hercegovina)

Amir Mashhadi Abba (director) to the film *Douch* (Iran)

Katja Benrath (director) to the film *Rocca Changes the World* (Germany)

Jan Jirků (director), Pavel Berčík (producer), Helena Uldrichová (film center of Czech Television) (director), Olga Štěpánková (executive producer), Libor Nemeškal (editor), Petr Babinec (company Kouzelná), Andrea Králová (costume designer), Lucie Škodová (puppet actor), Jirka Kohout (puppet actor), Petr Besta (puppet actor), Sebastian Pöthe (actor), Petra Králová (actress), Radovan Král (actor), Kateřina Michálková Lidáková (actress) to the film *TvMiniUni: The Question Thief* (Czech Republic)

Geng Xu (director), Naiyi Liu (producer), Weixing YU (actor), Qian Xu (child actor), Liu Li Youyou (actress), Zhushiman Liu (child actress) to the film *You'll Never Walk Alone* (China)

### **International Competition of Feature Films for Youth**

Aviad Givon (director), Imri Matalon (director) to the film *Broken Mirrors* (Israel)

Jim Loach (director) to the film *Measure of a Man* (USA)

Ivan Pokorný (director), Iva Procházková (screenwriter), Daniel Severa (producer), Stanislav Majer (actor), Barbar Johnsonová (creative producer of Czech Television), Jürgen Rehberg (director of photography), Jiří Severa (director's assistant), Viktor Mayer (producer), Helena Uldrichová (film center of Czech Television), David Voborský (architect), Michal Hýka (editor), Jiří Hájek (composer), Tomáš Dalecký (actor), Hana Bartoňová (actress), Jakub Čech (actor) to the film *The Scent of Oranges* (Czech Republic, Slovakia, Germany)

### **Competition of European First Feature Films**

Jordanne Jones (actress, Young Star) to the film *Metal Heart* (Ireland)

James Gardner (director), Simon Lord (screenwriter) to the film *Jellyfish* (United Kingdom)

Dimitri Linder (director) to the film *For a Happy Life* (Belgium/Luxembourg)

### **International Competition of Short Animated Films for Children**

Marohnda Bay (director), Diana Oliffirova (assistant) to the film *The Yogi Walrus* (United Kingdom)

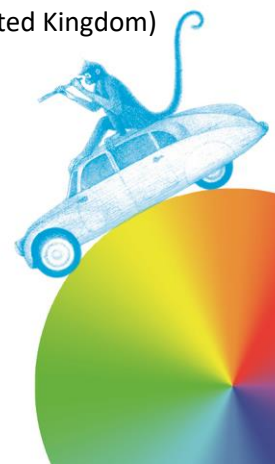
Makiko Nanke (director) to the film *Good Night* (Japan)

Alexander Isert (screenwriter) to the film *Cat Lake City* (Germany)

Christoph Brehme (director) to the film *A Chick's Adventure* (France/Italy)

Jack Shih (director), Hsinping Dai (editor) to the film *My Little Boys – Couch* (Taiwan)

Iulia Voitova (director) to the film *The Diver* (France)





Sergei Kibus (director), Kerdi Oengo (producer) to the film *Teofrastus* (Estonia)  
Martin Smatana (director), Ondřej Nedvěd (director of photography), Martyna Koleniec (animator), Jakub Rálek (production assistant), Iveta Jakubčíková (distributor) to the film *The Kite* (Czech Republic/Slovakia/Poland)  
Ivo Hejcman (director), Jitka Petrová (director) to the film *The Kokoška Family on the Road* (Czech Republic)  
Kim Soon Jae (producer), Son Soon Jin (screenwriter) to the film *Lux* (South Korea)  
Martinus Klement (director) to the film *Angel's Trumpet* (Estonia)  
Kosta Rakićević (director), Ivan Pribićević (producer) to the film *Echo* (Serbia)  
Thomas Leclercq (director) to the film *Playmobil Generation* (Belgium)  
Mamuka Tkeshelashvili (director) to the film *Fisherman and the Girl* (Georgia)

### Zlín Dog - International Competition of Student Films

Weronika Szyma (director), Monika Lewicka (animation assistant) to the film *A Degvil and a Rascat* (Poland)  
Max Holicky (director), Áron Farkas (director), Stefan Kreller (director) to the film *Pizza Party* (Germany)  
Katarína Gramatová (director), Filip Knoll (director of photography), Juliana Rychlíková (production), Ivana Plačková (architect) to the film *Cherries* (Czech Republic/Slovakia)  
Ewa Łuczków (director) to the film *Moth* (United Kingdom)  
Emilio Luján Canajero (producer) to the film *I Wish...* (Spain)  
Hans Vannetelbosch (director), Pegah Moemen (director's assistant) to the film *Sons of No One* (Belgium)  
Sofia El Khyari (director) to the film *The Porous Body* (France)  
Gabriel Zajtko (director), Samuel Timko (director of photography), Peter Mikušinec (editor), Erik Snopko (sound), Jana Mlčochová (production) to the film *The Technique of Everyday Life* (Czech Republic)  
Soňa Nôtová (director) to the film *(A)way* (Slovakia)  
Karel Šindelář (director), Martina Šindelářová (actress) to the film *Why So Sirius?* (Czech Republic)  
Petre Tomadze (director) to the film *A Cup of Tea in the Rainy Weather* (Georgia)  
Alan Sahin (director), Nino Michel (photograph) to the film *Bon Appetit* (Switzerland)  
Anna Melnikova (director), Shirel Lebovich (director) to the film *The Survival of the Sexiest* (Spain)  
Igor Tsoy (The Survival of the Sexiest), Vsevolod Ledovskii to the film *Recruit* (Russia)  
Barbora Halířová (director) to the film *Hide N Seek* (Czech Republic)  
Yichao Fu (director) k filmu *Fireworks* (China)

### Competition of European Documentary Films for Young Audience

Guillaume Maidatchevsky (director) to the film *Ailo's Journey* (France/Finland)  
Karl Emil Rikardsen (director), Torarin Sætereng (child protagonist), Øystein Kvaløy Sætereng (adult protagonist) to the film *The Arctic Camels* (Norway)  
Jacco Groen (director) to the film *Streetkids United 3 – Road to Moscow* (Netherlands)  
Max Tuula (producer) to the film *How Big Is the Galaxy?* (Russia, Estonia)



Zara Balfour (director) to the film *Children of the Snowland* (Nepal, United Kingdom)

### New Czech Films and TV Programmes

Zdeněk Skaunic (producer), Barbara Johnsonová (creative producer of Czech Television), Veronika Trčková (executive producer), Marian Urban (producer), Tomáš Stanek (director of photography), Roman Kopřivík (screenwriter), Magdaléna Glasnerová (dramaturgist), Kateřina Vorlová (child actor), Matěj Sedlák (child actor), Milo Kay Alexander Kennedy (child actor), Tamara Pčolková (child actor), Žofia Zátopková (child actor) to the TV series *Little Detectives* (Czech Republic)

Tereza Kopáčková (director) to the film *When Cows Fly* (Czech Republic)

Šimon Šafránek (director) to the film *King Skate* (Czech Republic)

Jan Cina (actor), Andrea Královjohnsoe designer) k filmu *The Magic Quill* (Czech Republic)

Jiří Konečný (producer) to the film *Winter Flies* (Czech Republic/Poland/Slovakia/Slovenia)

Jan Haluza (director), Radim Procházka (producer) to the film *First Action Hero* (Czech Republic)

Zuzana Dubová (director), Jan Vašák (producer), Helena Burianová (producer), Valerie Pechová (protagonist), Michaela Pechová (protagonist), Michal Pecha (protagonist) to the film *Book of KLaudie* (Czech Republic)

Luděk Horký (producer) to the TV series *Scout Post 1918* (Czech Republic)

Jaroslav Němeček (writer), Lucie Němečková (writer), Vít Němeček (producer) to the film *The Great Adventure of Lucky Four* (Czech Republic)

Lenka Marešová (dramaturgist) to the TV series *Little Stars* (Czech Republic)

Karolína Žalabáková (director), Alexandra Balaščíková (producer), Vanda Chaloupková (actress), Oskar Hes (actor), Mark Kristián Hochman (actor), Lukáš Gargulák (director of photography) to the TV series *Zeros and Ones* (Czech Republic)

### Panorama

Eleanor Worthington-Cox (actress, Young Star) to the film *Gwen* (United Kingdom)

Milena Tscharrntke (actress, Young Star) to the film *Isy Way Out* (Germany)

Karin van der Meer (screenwriter), Pepijn van der Sman (child actor) to the film *Taiki* (Netherlands)

Alon Marom (director), Irit Dolev (producer) to the film *17 Seconds* (Israel)

Sarah Winkenstette (director), Susanne Finken (screenwriter) to the film *Too Far Away* (Germany)

Mischa Kamp (director), Vita Heijmen (child actress) to the film *Romy's Salon* (Netherlands/Germany)

Rima Das (director) k filmu *Bulbul Can Sing* (India)

Anthony Wong (animator) k filmům *Cars* a *Ratatouille* (USA)

### Discover & Explore: Nature

Irina Zhuravleva (director) to the film *Kamchatka Bears: Life Begins* (Russia)

Floor van der Meulen (director), Přemysl Rabas (director of the ZOO Dvůr Králové) to the film *The Last Male on Earth* (Belgium/Netherlands)

### Discover & Explore: Countries

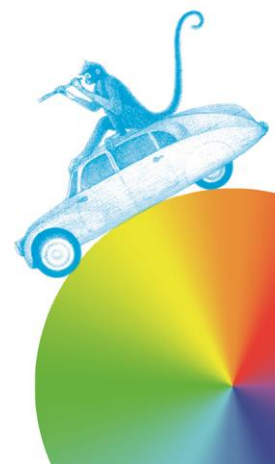
Genci Mosho (actor) to the film *Tomka and His Friends* (Albania)

Goran Radovanović (director), Anica Dobra (actress) to the film *Enclave* (Serbia/Germany)





Anica Dobra (actress) to the film *Tito and Me* (Yugoslavia)  
Dimitris Spyrou (director) to the film *The Flea* (Greece)  
George Pistereanu (actor) to the film *If I Want to Whistle I Whistle* (Romania)  
Čejen Černíček (director) to the film *The Mystery of Green Hill* (Croatia)  
Lukáš Socha, Tomáš Vaňourek (travellers) to the film *A Journey Like No Other* (Czech Republic)  
Steven Lichtag (director) to the film *Aldabra: Once Upon an Island* (Czech Republic)  
Jiří Čeloud (traveller) to the film *Break Leg!* (Czech Republic)  
Dominik Bari (director) to the film *Oymyakon: The Story of the Coldest Inhabited Place* (Slovakia)  
Jam Tomšů (traveller) to the film *Indie Rickshaw* (Czech Republic)  
Petr Horký (director) to the film *Miroslav Zikmund's Century* (Czech Republic)  
Dan Přibáň (director) to the films *Trabant on the Silky Road* a *Trabant: There And Back Again* (Czech Republic)



## JURIES OF THE 59<sup>TH</sup> ZLIN FILM FESTIVAL

### **International Expert Jury for Feature Films for Children and Youth**

Xiaojuan Zhou / Canada  
Rasko Miljković / Serbia  
Petr Oukropec / Czech Republic  
Floortje van Spaendonck / Netherlands  
Rima Das / India

### **Joint International Jury of Children and Adults for Animated Films**

Anthony Wong / USA  
Kristián Hager / Czech Republic  
Olja Golubeva / Russia  
Tereza Orechovská / Slovakia  
Libor Pixa / Czech Republic

### **International Expert Jury for European Feature Films**

Ľubica Orechovská / Slovakia  
Slobodan Dedeić / Serbia  
Šimon Šafránek / Czech Republic

### **International Expert Jury for Student Films**

Marko Kalmari / Finland  
Sarah Aherno / Ireland  
Tomáš Michálek / Czech Republic

### **ECFA – International Jury for Documentary Films**

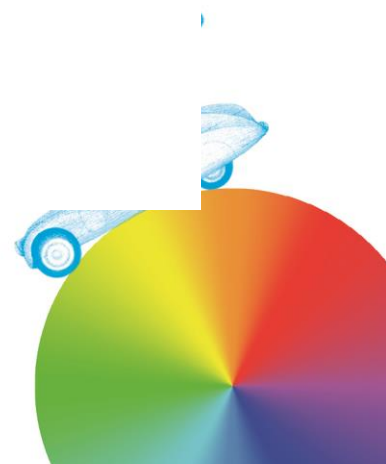
Kristine Simsons / Latvia  
Volodymyr Diagilev / Ukraine  
Rowena Martinez Ulayan-Tuzcuoğlu / Turkey

### **International Ecumenical Jury**

Michael Otřisal / Czech Republic  
Daniela Hublart / France  
Guido Covents / Belgium

### **International Children's Jury for Feature Films for Children**

Antonín Sláma / Czech Republic  
Sofii Okhrimenko / Ukraine  
Julia Polak / Poland  
Yrja Walter / Norway



Magnus Sørberg / Norway

**International Youth Jury for Feature Films for Youth**

Matěj Růžička / Czech Republic

Ingvild Flikkerud / Norway

Nina Petrikovičová / Slovakia

Polina Miroshnichenko / Ukraine

Šimon Konečný / Czech Republic



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