



CROSSING EUROPE Film Festival Linz // 23. – 28. April 2015 // www.crossingEurope.at/EN

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AWARDS PRESENTATION – CROSSING EUROPE Film Festival Linz 2015

The Awards Presentation for the twelfth CROSSING EUROPE Film Festival Linz took place today in the Ursulinensaal of the Upper Austrian Culture Quarter. Markus Zett moderated the evening, the musician and sound-tinkerer FUMP provided an energizing sound experience. The CROSSING EUROPE AWARDS were presented with numerous international film guests present, as well as industry representatives and press along with representatives of patrons, sponsors and from politics – including Vice-Mayer and Speaker for Culture Bernhard Baier and as a Representative of the City of Linz Stefan Giegler – and Festival Director Christine Dollhofer presented the first, highly positive results of the festival.

CROSSING EUROPE Award - Best Fiction Film

// € 10.000,- powered by Linz Kultur & Land Oberösterreich / Kultur

Ex aequo decision, i.e. € 5.000,- each go to

Ana Lungu for **AUTOPORETUL UNEI FETE CUMINTI / SELF-PORTRAIT OF A DUTIFUL DAUGHTER** (RO 2015)

// film link [HERE](#) //

and

Ivan Ikić for **VARVARI / BARBARIANS** (RS, ME, SI 2014)

// film link [HERE](#) // The film will be shown on Tuesday, April 28 at 9:00 pm, Movie 1 //

The **JURY COMPETITION – Fiction** (Andrea Štaka, Michael Stütz, Syllas Tzoumerkas) explained their unanimous decision with the statement: "The jury decided to award two portraits of youth in two different social milieus, struggling with feelings of safety or the lack of it."

CROSSING EUROPE Audience Award - Best Fiction Film

// € 1.000,- powered by Crossing Europe

// Hotel voucher sponsored by Park Inn by Radisson Linz – First Hotel Partner of CROSSING EUROPE

In addition to the cash prize of € 1.000,-, the director receives a hotel voucher (weekend for two) sponsored by Park Inn by Radisson Linz.

// The winning film will be presented again in June 2015 in Movimiento Linz – in cooperation with ray film magazine.

Anatol Durbală for **CE LUME MINUNATĂ | WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD** (MD 2014)

// film link [HERE](#) // As in past years, the award // was determined by votes from the audience. //

CROSSING EUROPE Social Awareness Award - Best Documentary

// € 5.000,- powered by Land Oberösterreich / Soziales

Vladimir Tomic for **FLOTEL EUROPA** (DK, RS 2015)

// film link [HERE](#) // The film will be shown on Tuesday, 28 April, at 9:30 pm, Movie 3 //

The *JURY COMPETITION – Documentary* (Sebastian Brameshuber, Ina Rossow, Zaza Rusadze) stated the reason for their decision with these words: "Subjectively recounted with private video recordings, and yet – or perhaps especially for that reason – a universal story of growing up, of first love and first good-byes against the background of war and fleeing."

CROSSING EUROPE Award - Local Artist

// € 5.000,- powered by Land Oberösterreich / Kultur

O.N.L.S.D., Leo Calice, Gerhard Tremel for **EDEN'S EDGE - THREE SHORTS ON THE CALIFORNIAN DESERT** (AT 2014)

// film link [HERE](#) //

The *JURY COMPETITION – Local Artist* (Magnus Hofmüller, Peter Schernhuber, Alexandra Schneider) stated: "Formally stringent and yet accessible, with "Eden's Edge" Gerhard Tremel and Leo Calice create a fascinating visual framework, in which three eccentric life stories are conjoined into a tale of human beings with their cracks and desires."

// € 2.000,- Voucher from the company Synchro Film, Video & Audio Bearbeitungs GmbH, Vienna

Felix Huber for **FARFALLA** (AT 2014)

// film link [HERE](#) //

The *JURY COMPETITION – Local Artist* (Magnus Hofmüller, Peter Schernhuber, Alexandra Schneider) stated: "Just as smartly, with cryptic humor, and just as cleverly, Huber combines documentary shots with television material, pseudo-advertising videos, hidden camera material, and time-lapse shots into a varied, entertaining, and never superficial documentary."

CROSSING EUROPE Social Awareness Award – Local Artist

// € 4.000,- powered by Land Oberösterreich / Soziales

Eva Hausberger for **MONUMENTI** (AT 2014)

// film link [HERE](#) //

The *JURY COMPETITION – Local Artist* (Magnus Hofmüller, Peter Schernhuber, Alexandra Schneider) summarized their decision with the following statement: "The film skillfully avoids platitudes and refuses to attempt to explain the world. Eva Hausberger's inductive view of the representative colossus of the history of Albania becomes a delicate story of its inhabitants, their past and present."

Special Mention: Ufuk Serbest for **EVDEKI SES – 22m² ÖSTERREICH** (AT 2015)

// film link [HERE](#) //

The *JURY COMPETITION – Local Artist* (Magnus Hofmüller, Peter Schernhuber, Alexandra Schneider) summarized their decision with the following statement: "Ufuk Serbest impressively locates the universal theme of living between two cultures in his immediate proximity and family. Intensive conversations lead us to the realities of life of three women, who live near us, yet remain undiscovered for many."

CREATIVE REGION MUSIC VIDEO Audience Award

// € 1.500,- powered by CREATIVE REGION Linz & Upper Austria

Lukas Jakob Löcker for **HEAVEN - FELIX SCHAGER, KONSTANTIN DIGGN** (AT 2014)

// film link [HERE](#) // The prize has been awarded now for the third time, once again the winner was chosen by votes from the audience. //

CROSSING EUROPE Award - Local Artist Atelier Award

// powered by Atelierhaus Salzamt der Stadt Linz

Vildan Turalic for **UNTITLED 014** (AT 2014)

// film link [HERE](#) //

CROSSING EUROPE Award - Local Artist Film Location Tabakfabrik

// powered by Tabakfabrik Linz

Klaus Pamminger for **NOTES ON MACKEY** (AT 2015)

// film link [HERE](#) // The prize has been awarded this year for the first time.//

// Not to be released before: 10:00 pm //

// Ticket reservations from 10:00 am to 11:00 pm via the Info-Hotline +43 680 506 1 506 //

// Final Press Release: Tuesday, 28 April 2015 at 12.00 noon //

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Photos & Film Stills: <http://www.crossingeurope.at/xe-presse/pressefotos/>

Festival Impressions: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/crossingeurope/collections/>

Logo & Festival Motif: <http://www.crossingeurope.at/xe-presse/logos>

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