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ECFA DOC Award and KinoForYaurr Award winners announced // “Ramboy”(CH 2022, 30’) and “Neighbour Abdi” (NL 2022, 29’) convince the juries

On October 27, the two winners of this year's competitions at DOXS RUHR festival were announced at KoFabrik Bochum. In addition to the ECFA DOC Award chosen by an expert jury, four young adults from the region presented the new KinoForYaurr trophy, an award for the most extraordinary film in the youth program.

KinoForYaurr Award for Dutch festival entry “Neighbour Abdi”

The experimental short film "Neighbour Abdi" (NL 2022, 29') by Douwe Dijkstra wins the first KinoForYaurr Award. Young adults from the Ruhr region curated the newly added competition and appointed an independent jury.

In the film, director Dijkstra tells the life story of his Somali neighbour Abdi and his violent past. The jury particularly praised the intimacy the film creates by providing behind-the-scenes footage of the production: "You feel as if you are talking to a good friend about his experiences with the ills of our world. At the same time, the film manages to play with the gravity of a very sensitive subject."

The KinoForYaurr jury consisted of Hannah Franke (20) from Recklinghausen, Jasmin Sanger (19) from Herne, Lamia Azahrai (20) from Duisburg and Liam Kluge (19) from Moers. The trophy was created by the designers Cihan Tamti (Bochum) and Marc Kemper (Dortmund).

The KinoForYaurr Award enables “Neighbour Abdi” to be released on filmfriend, the libraries’ streaming service, and is endowed with 500 euros. The competition and the award are supported by Aktion Mensch.

"Ramboy" wins ECFA DOC Award for Best Documentary Children's Film

This year's ECFA DOC Award goes to the Swiss production "Ramboy" (CH 2022, 30') by Matthias Joulaud and Lucien Roux. Irish teenager Cian grows up between two worlds. Under the strict guidance of his grandfather, he learns the trade of traditional sheep farming. At the same time, he dreams of a career in one of the capital's big tech companies.

The international expert jury emphasized how the film raised important issues but "leaves room for thought and discussion. With strong, cinematic images and subtle humorous allusions, there is a lot to be read between the lines," the jury said in its statement.

Annually, the international jury of the European Children's Film Association awards the best documentary children's film in the age group of six to 14 at DOXS RUHR. This year's jury was represented by Dimitra Kouzi (Athens), Felix Vanginderhuysen (Antwerp) and Kaddi Wandaogo (Cologne).

Winning at DOXS RUHR nominates "Ramboy" for another award which will be announced at the ECFA - AGM at the Berlinale, where all members will crown the best documentary children's film of 2023.

Printable visual material of the award-winning films is available on the website at www.doxs-ruhr.de/pressemitteilungen/.

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