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ECFA DOC Award for THE SCHOOL BY THE SEA (NO 2021) by Solveig Melkeraaen

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"As one of the main characters says: 'Friends give me joy, love and good feelings.'" Which is exactly the same as what this film offers to its audience." (DOXS RUHR-ECFA Jury 2022)

THE SCHOOL BY THE SEA by Norwegian director Solveig Melkeraaen is the DOXS RUHR-winner of the ECFA Documentary Award 2022. The European Children's Film Association (ECFA) honours with this award since 2016 the best European Children Documentary. The prize celebrated its premiere this year at the DOXS RUHR festival.

The international jury consisted of Remke Oosterhuis (Netherlands) and Gert Hermans (Belgium) – two representatives of the over 150 EFCA-membership organisations – and Amina Saidi (Germany). They had the choice between seven nominated films that were scheduled during the festival in the age group 6 to 14.

The portrait of Thorvin and Tilde, two firstgraders in a Norwegian school that has to close down, convinced the jury: "The director of the winning film has created an intimate setting in which two adorable main characters speak up freely and with amazing self-reflection about true friendship, caring and consideration. We feel humbled by their words and by the delicacy of their relationship. From this entire film speaks a message of hope, expressed through many micro-observations that all have a special sense of humour and tenderness. There is a great appreciation shown for landscapes and nature, that we understand as an appreciation for life in itself."

By winning at the DOXS RUHR-festivals THE SCHOOL BY THE SEA qualifies for the competition and ECFA DOC-Award at the Berlinale 2023. The jury statement, printable visual material of the award winning films are available on our website at www.doxs-ruhr.de/pressemitteilungen/

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