

The nominations for the Czech Lion have been dominated by the films *Ztraceni v Mnichově* (*Lost in Munich*), *Kobry a užovky* (*The Snake Brothers*) and *Domácí péče* (*Home Care*)

The *Czech Film and Television Academy* (CFTA) has just announced the nominations for the 23rd *Czech Lion Annual Awards*. The academics had altogether 42 feature films, animated films and documentary features that had been released in 2015 to choose from. The films are going to

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compete for the *Czech Lion* trophies in 15 statutory categories. The films *Ztraceni v Mnichově* (*Lost in Munich*), *Kobry a užovky* (*The Snake Brothers*) and *Domácí péče* (*Home Care*) obtained the most nominations across all the categories. The winners will be ceremonially awarded on Saturday the 5th March 2016 in Rudolfinum in Prague. This year the gala evening will again be hosted by Lucie Výborná. Awarding *Czech Lions* in the area of television production is the news of the 23rd *Czech Lion Annual Awards*. Czech Television, TV Prima, TV Nova, HBO Europe and TV Barrandov decided to take part as they nominated their choice of works for the three announced categories.

The academics were voting about the nominations for the film categories of the 23rd Czech Lion Annual Awards from the 1st December 2015 to the 15th January 2016. The 119 voting members of CFTA were choosing from 27 feature films and animated films and 15 documentary features. Among the candidates for the *Czech Lion* the most successful one is the unconventional comedy *Ztraceni v Mnichově* (*Lost in Munich*) by Petr Zelenka with its 15 nominations. At the second place according to the number of the nominations is the film *Kobry a užovky* (*The Snake Brothers*) directed by Jan Prušinovský and it has 12 nominations. The third position is shared by the film *Domácí péče* (*Home Care*) by Slávek Horák and the fairy tale *Sedmero krkavců* (*The Seven Ravens*) directed by Alice Nellis as both have 9 nominations. They are followed by the film *Schmitke* (*Schmitke*) directed by Štěpán Altrichter with 8 nominations.

In the category of the **best film** the following five films have been nominated: *Lost in Munich* (directed by Petr Zelenka), *The Snake Brothers* (directed by Jan Prušinovský), *Home Care* (directed by Slávek Horák), *Photographer* (directed by Irena Pavlásková) and *Schmitke* (directed by Štěpán Altrichter). The *Czech Lion Award* for the **best documentary feature**

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can be obtained by one of the following films: *The Gospel According to Brabenec* (directed by Miroslav Janek), *Film Adventurer Karel Zeman* (directed by Tomáš Hodan), *Mallory* (directed by Helena Třeštíková), *Lean a Ladder against Heaven* (directed by Jana Ševčíková), *Wave vs. Shore* (directed by Martin Štrba).

Awarding the *Czech Lions* in the area of television production in three categories is the news of this year. Five televisions are going to compete for the awards: Czech Television, HBO Europe, TV Nova, TV Prima and TV Barrandov, which recommended several of their works of art for the first round of voting. Then in the second round, the CFTA academics will take a vote about the winners. The nominations and the awards will be presented in these categories the **best television film or miniseries**, the **best television drama series** and the **best television documentary or series**.

Newly the academics could also suggest candidates for the exceptional feat in the area of the audio-visual arts. Those proposals which have been supported by at least three members of the academy will go to the second round.

At the press conference of CFTA, apart from the revelation of the nominations, also the non-statutory awards for the **best film poster** and the **award of film fans** were presented. The award for the best film poster was presented to Michal Tilsch, who designed the poster for the film *The Snake Brothers*. The award of film fans went to Jan Prušinovský, who directed the film *The Snake Brothers*. For the first time this year the winners of the non-statutory awards obtained a glass statuette that was created by the designer Jakub Berdych and the Czech design and glass company Lasvit.

The statuette of the *Czech Lion* for the **best actress in a leading role** can be obtained by the following actresses – Alena Mihulová for the film *Home Care*, Mária Málková for the film *Photographer*, Tereza Voříšková for her role in the film *Laputa*, Martha Issová for *The Seven Ravens* and Jana Plodková for *Lost in Munich*. The award for the **best actress in a supporting role** can go to – Zuzana Kronerová for *Home Care*, Tatiana Vilhelmová for *Home Care*, Lucie Žáčková for her role in the film *The Snake Brothers*, Zuzana Bydžovská for *The Seven Ravens* and Jitka Schneiderová for *Lost in Munich*.

The *Czech Lion Award* for the **best actor in a leading role** will belong to one of the following nominees – Boleslav Polívka for the film *Home Care*, Karel Roden for his role in the film *Photographer*, Hynek Čermák for *Gangster Ka*, Matěj Hádek for *The Snake Brothers* and Martin Myšička for his role in *Lost in Munich*. The winner in the category of the **best actor in a supporting role** will be one of the following nominees: Predrag Bjelac for his role in the film *Gangster Ka*, Kryštof Hádek for *The Snake Brothers*, Jiří Schmitzer for the film *Chasing 50*, Tomáš Bambušek for *Lost in Munich* and Marek Taclík for *Lost in Munich*. At the gala evening the award for the **best director** will be presented to one of these directors –

Slávek Horák for the film *Home Care*, Jan Prušinovský for directing the movie *The Snake Brothers*, Alice Nellis for *The Seven Ravens*, Štěpán Altrichter for the film *Schmitke* and Petr Zelenka for *Lost in Munich*.

The 23rd annual awards of the Czech Film and Television Academy will be ceremonially presented at a gala evening that will take place on Saturday the 5th March 2016 in Rudolfinum in Prague. The host of the gala evening will again be the radio and TV presenter Lucie Výborná. The ceremony will be directed by Michael Čech and Jan Svěrák. The portraits of the individual nominees will be directed by Tereza Kopáčová just like last year. The ceremony of the Czech Lion Annual Awards will be broadcast live at 8 p.m. by the CT1 channel.

OVERVIEW OF THE NOMINATIONS:

BEST FILM

Home Care – produced by Slávek Horák

Photographer – produced by Viktor Schwarcz, Irena Pavlásková

The Snake Brothers – produced by Ondřej Zima, Jan Prušinovský

Schmitke – produced by Tomáš Vach, Jörg Trentmann, Susann Schimk, Radim Procházka

Lost in Munich – produced by David Ondříček

BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

The Gospel According to Brabenec – directed by Miroslav Janek – produced by Vít Klusák, Filip Remunda

Film Adventurer Karel Zeman – directed by Tomáš Hodan – produced by Ondřej Beránek

Mallory – directed by Helena Třeštková – produced by Kateřina Černá, Pavel Strnad

Lean a Ladder against Heaven – directed by Jana Ševčíková – produced by Jana Ševčíková

Wave vs. Shore – directed by Martin Štrba – produced by Zuzana Mistríková, Katarína Štrbová Bieliková, Ľubica Orechovská

BEST DIRECTOR

Home Care – Slávek Horák

The Snake Brothers – Jan Prušinovský

The Seven Ravens – Alice Nellis

Schmitke – Štěpán Altrichter

Lost in Munich – Petr Zelenka

BEST ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE

Home Care – Alena Mihulová

Photographer – Máša Málková

Laputa – Tereza Voříšková

The Seven Ravens – Martha Isoová

Lost in Munich – Jana Plodková

BEST ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE

Home Care – Boleslav Polívka

Photographer – Karel Roden

Gangster Ka – Hynek Čermák

The Snake Brothers – Matěj Hádek

Lost in Munich – Martin Myšíčka

BEST ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

Home Care – Zuzana Kronerová
Home Care – Tatiana Vilhelmová
The Snake Brothers – Lucie Žáčková
The Seven Ravens – Zuzana Bydžovská
Lost in Munich – Jitka Schneiderová

BEST ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

Gangster Ka – Predrag Bjelac
The Snake Brothers – Kryštof Hádek
Chasing 50 – Jiří Schmitzer
Lost in Munich – Tomáš Bambušek
Lost in Munich – Marek Taclík

BEST SCREENPLAY

Home Care – Slávek Horák
The Snake Brothers – Jaroslav Žváček
The Seven Ravens – Alice Nellis
Schmitke – Tomáš Končinský, Jan Fusek, Štěpán Altrichter
Lost in Munich – Petr Zelenka

BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY

Home Care – Jan Šťastný
Photographer – David Ployhar
The Snake Brothers – Petr Kobloušský
Schmitke – Cristian Pirjol
Lost in Munich – Alexander Šurkala

BEST FILM EDITING

Home Care – Vladimír Barák
Photographer – Alois Fišárek
The Snake Brothers – Lukáš Opatrný
Schmitke – Philipp Wenning, Andrea Schumacher
Lost in Munich – Vladimír Barák

BEST SOUND

The Snake Brothers – Matěj Matuška, Michal Čech
The Seven Ravens - Jiří Klenka
Schmitke – Christoph de la Chevalerie
Wave vs. Shore – Radim Hladík ml.
Lost in Munich – Michal Holubec, Marek Poledna

BEST MUSIC

Photographer - Jiří Chlumecký
The Seven Ravens – Vašo Patejdl
Schmitke – Johannes Repka
Wilson City – Michal Novinski
Lost in Munich – Matouš Hejl

BEST STAGE DESIGN

The Snake Brothers – Jan Novotný

The Seven Ravens - Ondřej Mašek, Peter Čanecký
Schmitke – Barbora Kačena
Wilson City - Martin Kurel
Lost in Munich – Ondřej Nekvasil

BEST COSTUME DESIGN

Photographer – Jaroslava Pecharová
The Snake Brothers – Ivan Stekla
The Seven Ravens – Kateřina Štefková
Wilson City – Katarína Štrbová Bieliková
Lost in Munich – Vladimíra Fomínová

BEST MAKEUP AND HAIRSTYLING

The Snake Brothers – Lukáš Král
Chasing 50 - Jana Dopitová
The Seven Ravens - Juraj Steiner
Wilson City – Jana Radilová
Lost in Munich – Jana Bílková

EXCEPTIONAL FEAT IN THE AREA OF AUDIO-VISUAL ARTS

Used Car Dealer Monte Carlo
Interactive website urbex.cz
Blaník Office – 3rd season of the Internet series
Project Cleaning the World of Imagination
Contribution of the Czech Television to the support of the local production in 2015
Golden Sixties II

BEST TELEVISION FILM or MINISERIES

American Letters (Czech Television), director: Jaroslav Brabec
Jan Hus (Czech Television), director: Jiří Svoboda
The Crown Prince (Czech Television), director: Karel Janák
The Case of the Exorcist (Czech Television), director: Jan Hřebejk
The Right Outfit (Czech Television), director: Stanislav Sládeček

BEST TELEVISION DRAMA SERIES

The Assassination (TV Nova), directors: Petr Nikolaev, Jiří Chlumský
Doctor Martin (Czech Television), director: Petr Zahradka
The Labyrinth (Czech Television), director: Jiří Strach
Mamon (HBO Europe), director: Vladimír Michálek
Modrava Police Department (TV Nova), director: Jaroslav Soukup
The Harbour (TV Prima), directors: Jana Rezková, Jaromír Polišínský, Ján Novák
Signs of Life (TV Barrandov), director: Tomáš Magnusek
The Winemakers II (TV Prima), directors: Petr Nikolaev, Martin Kopp
The Zodiac Murders (Czech Television), director: Ivan Pokorný

BEST TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY or SERIES

Far Beyond the Sun (HBO Europe), director: Olga Špátová
Film Spa (Czech Television), director: Miroslav Janek
Locked Girls (TV Nova), director: Jiří Fedurco
LSD made in CSSR (Czech Television), director: Pavel Křemen
Rough Way on a Motorbike (TV Prima), director: Hynek Bernard
Mysterious Chernobyl (TV Barrandov), director: Karel Snop

Exchange of Wives (TV Nova), directors: Jana Rezková ml., Ivana Křenová
Specific Sign - Longing (Czech Television), director: Václav Křístek

MAGNESIA AWARD FOR THE BEST STUDENT FILM – non-statutory award

A Big Head – Ondřej Hudeček
Forest Warden – Pavel Soukup
Amanitas – Jakub Šmíd
Dad – Václav Huleš
Happy End – Jan Saska

BEST FILM POSTER – non-statutory award

Photographer – Jan Poukar, Jan Saudek
The Snake Brothers – Michal Tilsch (winner)
Schmitke – Mariana Dvořáková
Wave vs. Shore – Gabriel Štrba
Lost in Munich – Aleš Najbrt

AWARD OF FILM FANS – non-statutory award

The Snake Brothers – directed by Jan Prušinovský (winner)

OVERVIEW OF THE NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS in the film categories

Lost in Munich – 15 nominations
The Snake Brothers – 12 nominations
Home Care – 9 nominations
The Seven Ravens – 9 nominations
Schmitke – 8 nominations
Photographer – 7 nominations
Wilson City – 4 nominations
Gangster Ka – 2 nominations
Chasing 50 – 2 nominations
Wave vs. Shore – 2 nominations
A Gospel According to Brabenec – 1 nomination
Film Adventurer Karel Zeman – 1 nomination
Laputa – 1 nomination
Mallory – 1 nomination
Lean a Ladder against Heaven – 1 nomination

About the Czech Film and Television Academy:

The Czech Film and Television Academy was founded in 1995 and in 2013 it was transformed into a registered association. Its main aim is to support and promote Czech cinematographic art in the Czech Republic as well as abroad and create conditions for the development of Czech film. Since 1993 it has been awarding the most prestigious Czech film and newly also television award – the Czech Lion and nominates Czech films or documentary features for foreign film awards. The ČFTA consists of 266 members at the moment.

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