

## Which film will get the most Czech Lions? We will find out on Saturday during the live broadcast on Czech Television

The special twenty-eighth annual Czech Lion awards of the Czech Film and Television Academy (CFTA) will acknowledge the work of film makers already on this Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March during the live broadcast of Czech Television on the CT1 channel at 8:10 pm. The most statuettes can go to the film drama *Shadow Country* by Bohdan Sláma depicting the historical trauma of the 20<sup>th</sup> century on the fates of people from a small village on the frontier, the film *Havel* by Slávek Horák that is loosely inspired by the life of our first president after the Velvet Revolution and the story based on the eventful life of the ambiguous personality of the healer Jan Mikolášek called *Charlatan* directed by Agnieszka Holland. Not without any chance is also the television miniseries *Actor* directed by Peter Bebjak and the movie *Droneman* by Petr Zelenka. In the categories for actors, it will be interesting to watch the imaginary fight for the first place in the number of the lion statuettes between Ivan Trojan and Anna Geislerová. While Ivan Trojan has got six Czech Lions at home, Anna Geislerová has obtained the prestigious statuette five times so far. The statuette of the Czech Lion in the category of the best actor or actress in the main role can this year also go to Magdaléna Borová, Jana Plodková, Jenováfa Boková, Tereza Těžká, Viktor Dvořák, Jan Cina, Kryštof Hádek or Csongor Kassai. It will be possible to watch the live broadcast on the web page of Czech Television - <https://www.ceskatelevize.cz/porady/13931313509-28-cesky-lev-ceny-ceske-filmove-a-televizni-akademie-za-rok-2020/>.

The gala evening will be hosted by Václav Kopta for the third time. However, for the first time in front of an empty auditorium. Last year was exceptional for the film makers and this will be reflected in the unconventional way the Czech Lions will find their ways to the hands of the winners. In front of Rudolfinum there will be no red carpet and the winners will be announced without any audience, only the nominated artist and the personalities who will hand the awards over to the winners will be present. *"The Czech Lion Awards this year reflect the year when everything was different from what we had been used to,"* says the president of CFTA Ivo Mathé and he adds: *"Therefore this year is devoted not only to the awarded artists, but it is also tribute and thank you to all the other professions that take part in creating films and also to those that enable such creations."* With respect to the long lasting unfavourable epidemiologic situation, this year Czech Lion ceremony is conceived as a television programme and it will take place during the live broadcast on Czech Television and there will be no accompanying events. The organisers are paying close attention to the preventive anti-epidemic measures. Which means that all the participants will get tested for coronavirus by a PCR test, which will be provided for the Czech Lions by the Cancer Research Foundation CR. The number of people present will be reduced to minimum, all the spaces in Rudolfinum will be disinfected and of course everybody will be required to wear a respirator, which will be provided for the cast by our Czech partner – the company nanoSPACE.