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The Czech Lion Film Awards are about to Enter Another Decade of their Existence

The Czech Lion film awards of the Czech Film and Television Academy (CFTA) will be presented to the artists for the thirty first time next year. It will again happen in Dvořák's Hall of Rudolfinum in Prague on 9th March 2024 and the gala evening will be broadcast live on Czech Television. The ceremony will be hosted by an actor, musician and experienced presenter Marek Eben and the whole evening will be directed by Michael Čech just like in the past years. The authors of the new visual style of Czech Lions are Jana Krchová and Ondřej Fučík.

The voting of the academics about the nominations for the 2023 CFTA awards will start tomorrow, on 1st December. Altogether 86 films as well as television works of art which fulfil the condition of being premiered this year will fight for the statuettes of Czech Lions. The awards are presented in 21 statutory categories. The nominations will be announced on 15th January 2024 and it will also be broadcast live on Czech Television.

More information on www.ceskylev.cz.

Starting on 1st December of this year, the academics, all of them being respected film professionals, will be assessing 33 feature actors' films, 15 documentary features which have been shortlisted by the members of the preselection committee out of the total number of 31 documentary features, 8 animated films and also 10 short films which have been selected by a committee consisting of academics from the total number of 18 enrolled short films. The Czech Lion statuettes will be also presented to one of the 6 television works of art or miniseries and 14 series that have been released on television screens or on the Internet. "The filmmakers producing television works of art, miniseries or series can be again awarded the statuettes in the categories of the best actress or actor in the leading or supporting role and also in other categories, such as the best cinematography or the best music," adds the managing director of the CFTA Tereza Rychnovská. The presidium of the CFTA consisting of fifteen

members awards every year the unique contribution to Czech film and can also appreciate an exceptional feat in the area of audio-visual arts.

"And here we go again, the beast is back. The 31st Czech Lion will roar this year in a witty, elegant and natural way thanks to Marek Eben. The lion is about to invite you for an opulent feast of films that it has caught for the nominations. You can enjoy the expressions of thrill and disappointment in the audience. The sometimes insincere congratulations of those who haven't received the statuette as well as the sincere emotions of those who are holding it firmly in their hands. Let's move to the next Lion decade..." says the director Michael Čech who will manage the ceremonial presentation of the prestigious film awards. And the host of the evening Marek Eben smiles and adds: *"The Czech Lion is no vegetarian and that's maybe why this evening is always such strong meat. That is what anybody involved has to take into account. We will all deal with the task with all possible responsibility and try really hard so that the meal is yummy."*

The support of our stable partners is indispensable to the presentation of Czech Lion Awards. The mineral water Magnesia produced by the Mattoni 1873 Company has been the general partner for a long time. The main partner is innogy, which belongs to the main patrons of the local cinematography. The main media partner is the Czech Television.

The CFTA offers a selection of the successful films to be watched on www.ceskylev.cz/cz/filmy-online.

OVERVIEW OF THE STATUTORY CATEGORIES OF THE ANNUAL CZECH LION AWARDS

- 1) best feature actors' film
- 2) best director
- 3) best screenplay
- 4) best cinematography
- 5) best music
- 6) best film editing
- 7) best sound
- 8) best stage design
- 9) best costume design
- 10) best makeup and hairstyling
- 11) best actress in a leading role
- 12) best actor in a leading role
- 13) best actress in a supporting role
- 14) best actor in a supporting role
- 15) best documentary feature
- 16) best television film or miniseries
- 17) best television drama series
- 18) best animated film

- 19) best short film
- 20) unique contribution to Czech film
- 21) exceptional feat in the area of audio-visual arts

31st CZECH LION – ASSESSED FEATURE ACTORS' FILMS

á-B-C-D-é-F-G-H-CH-í-JONESTOWN (á-B-C-D-é-F-G-H-CH-í-JONESTOWN)

Bastardi: Reparát (Bastards: Reparation)
Bod obnovy (Restore Point)
Bratři (Brothers)
Brutální vedro (Brutal Heat)
Buď chlap! (BE THE MAN!)
Citlivý člověk (Sensitive Person)
Cool Girl! (Cool Girl!)
Děti Nagana (Big Dreams)
Dvě slova jako klíč (Two Words as the Key)
Erhart (Erhart)
Hadí plyn (Snake Gas)
Jak přežít svého muže (How To Survive Your Love)
Její tělo (Her Body)
Lítá v tom (White Lie)
Muž, který stál v cestě (The Man Who Stood in the Way)
Můžem i s mužem (We Can with a Man)
Němá tajemství (Suppressed)
O malých věcech (All About the Little Things)
ONEMANSHOW - The Movie (ONEMANSHOW: The Movie)
Ostrov (Island)
Perinbaba a dva světy (Perinbaba: The Two Realms)
Piano na křižovatce (Piano at the Crossroads)
Pohani (Heathens)
Přání k narozeninám (Birthday Wishes)
Přišla v noci (She Came at Night)
Služka (Chambermaid)
Tajemství a smysl života (The Meaning and Mystery of Life)
Tancuj Matyldo (Waltzing Matilda)
Terezín: Láska za zdí (Terezin)
Úsvit (We Have Never Been Modern)
Zatmění (Blood Moon)
Život pro samouky (Life for Autodidacts)

31st CZECH LION – PRESELECTION OF DOCUMENTARY FEATURES

BLIX NOT BOMBS (BLIX NOT BOMBS)
Černí Češi (Black Czech)
Chybění (You Will Never See It All)
Moje nebe je horší než tvoje peklo (My Paradise Is Worse Than Your Hell)
Moje nová tvář (Is There Any Place For Me, Please?)
More Miko (Citizen Miko)
Návštěvníci (The Visitors)
Nic bych neměnila (I Would Not Change Anything)
Pongo Calling (Pongo Calling)

Stop Time (Stop Time)
Šťastně až na věky (Happily Ever After)
Útěk do Berlína (Escape to Berlin)
Velké nic (The Great Nothing)
Všechno dobře dopadne (All Ends Well)
Vyšetřovatel (The Investigator)

31st CZECH LION – ENROLLED ANIMATED FILMS

Deniska umřela (Dede Is Dead)
Electra (Electra)
Jmenuju se Edgar a mám krávu (My Name Is Edgar and I Have a Cow)
O krávě (About a Cow)
Světla (Lights)
Tonda, Slávka a kouzelné světlo (Tony, Shelly and the Magic Light)
Whatman (Whatman)
Za tichem (Beyond the Silence)

31st CZECH LION – PRESELECTION OF SHORT FILMS

Atestace (Credentialing)
Fresh Memories: The Look (Fresh Memories: The Look)
Ice Break (Ice Break)
Jsme v tom spolu (Stuck Together)
Mořská sůl (Sea Salt)
Osmý den (Eighth Day)
Tělo-duše-pacient (Body-Soul-Patient)
Všechno bude zase dobrý (Everything Will Be OK Again)
Za polem (The Other Side of the Farmland)
Zahrada ráje (Paradise on Earth to See)

31st CZECH LION – ENROLLED TELEVISION WORKS OF ART

#annaismissing (#annaismissing)
Banáni (Bananas)
Cesta do tmy (Into the Darkness)
Dobré ráno, Brno! (Good Morning, Brno!)
Docent (The Professor)
Extraktori (The Extractors)
Iveta 2 (Iveta 2)
Klíč svatého Petra (The Key of St Peter)
Malá velká liga (Little Big League)
Matematika zločinu (Mathematics of Crime)
Na vlnách Jadranu (On the Waves)
Odznak Vysočina 2 (Badge Vysočina 2)
OKTOPUS (OCTOPUS)
Poslední oběť (Last Sacrifice)
Revír (Revir)
Sedm schodů k moci (Stairway to Power)

Sex O'Clock (Sex O'Clock)
Volha (Volga)
Zákony vlka (The Laws of the Wolf)
Zlatá labuť (The Golden Swan)

Czech Lion

The Czech Lion is a prestigious Czech film award that has been presented since 1993. Films are evaluated based on the voting of the members of the Czech Film and Television Academy. The ceremonial announcement of the results will take place on Saturday 9th March 2024 in Dvořák's Hall of Prague's Rudolfinum and it will be broadcast live by Czech Television on CT1 at 20:10.

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. The academy presents the most prestigious Czech film award – the Czech Lion and nominates the Czech candidate for the awards of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. At the moment the CFTA consists of 380 members.

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