

## The Czech Lions will be again awarded to television production

*For the second time, this year the Czech Film and Television Academy (CFTA) will also award television production. It has revealed the nominated films which reached the three highest positions in the voting of the academics in the two television categories. In the category of the best television film or miniseries the three following projects got the most votes: *A Vote for the King of the Romans*, *Blue Shadows* and *Murder in Polná*. The series *Cosmic*, *Wasteland* and *In Rage* are nominated in the category of the best television drama series. Unlike the films that enter the competition for the Czech lions automatically, the broadcasters themselves have to register their projects for the two television categories. This year the following subjects submitted their projects: Czech Television, HBO Europe, TV Nova and TV Prima. The ceremonial gala evening of the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Czech Lion Awards will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in Rudolfinum.*

In January CFTA revealed the nominations for the 24<sup>th</sup> annual *Czech Lion Awards* in the film categories where the most dominant is the drama *Prominent Patient* directed by Julius Ševčík as it has got 14 nominations. The film *Anthropoid* by Sean Ellis obtained 12 nominations, the drama called *The Teacher* by Jan Hřebejk gained 9 nominations and the film *I, Olga Hepnarova* directed by Petr Kazda and Tomáš Weinreb got 8 nominations. Now the academy is presenting the projects that can get the award in the two television categories on 4<sup>th</sup> March.

Four television broadcasters nominated their projects this year – Czech Television, HBO Europe, TV Nova and TV Prima and the academics were choosing from those in a one-round voting. In the category of the best television film or miniseries among the first three most successful projects there is the television film *A Vote for the King of the Romans* (Czech Television, directed by: Václav Křístek), the miniseries *Blue Shadows* (Czech Television, directed by: Viktor Tauš) and the miniseries *Murder in Polná* (Czech Television, directed by: Viktor Polesný). In the category of the best television drama series the most votes were obtained by the series *Cosmic* (Czech Television, directed by: Jan Bártek), *Wasteland* (HBO Europe, directed by: Ivan Zachariáš and Alice Nellis) and *In Rage* (Czech Television, directed by: Jan Páchl).

The winners in the film as well as television categories will be announced at the ceremonial *Czech Lion* gala evening which will take place in Rudolfinum in Prague on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The gala evening will be hosted by Adela Banášová and it will be broadcast live at 8 p.m. by the CT1 channel.

### **Television projects with the most votes from the members of CFTA:**

#### **BEST TELEVISION FILM or MINISERIES**

A Vote for the King of the Romans (Czech Television), directed by: Václav Křístek, television film

Blue Shadows (Czech Television), directed by: Viktor Tauš, miniseries – 4 episodes

Murder in Polná (Czech Television), directed by: Viktor Polesný, miniseries – 2 episodes

#### **BEST TELEVISION DRAMA SERIES**

Cosmic (Czech Television), directed by: Jan Bártek

Wasteland (HBO Europe), directed by: Ivan Zachariáš and Alice Nellis

In Rage (Czech Television), directed by: Jan Pachel

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#### **Czech Lion**

*The Czech Lion is a prestigious film award that has been presented since 1993. The films are assessed based on the voting of the members of the Czech Film and Television Academy. Since the 23<sup>rd</sup> Czech Lions the television categories have been also included. The ceremonial gala evening will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in the Dvořák's Hall of Rudolfinum and it will be broadcast live at 8 p.m. by the Czech Television CT1 channel.*

#### **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 award – the Czech Lion Award and nominates Czech films or documentary features for foreign film awards. At the moment the CFTA consists of 276 members.*

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