

## The *Czech Lions* will be awarded to television production for the third time

The Czech Film and Television Academy (CFTA) announced the nominated television projects that 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 following three projects got the most votes: *The Goat Cure*, *Justice* and *A Soul to Redeem*. The series *Bohemia*, *Shadow of the Ferns* and *Gnome* 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 winners in the film as well as television categories will be announced during the ceremonial gala evening of the 25<sup>th</sup> annual *Czech Lion* awards in Rudolfinum on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

In January the CFTA revealed the nominations in the film categories where the film *Ice Mother* by Bohdan Sláma is in the best position with its 15 nominations. Altogether 13 nominations were received by the film *Barefoot* by the director Jan Svěrák. The third highest number of nominations (10) was obtained by the biographical drama *Milada* by David Mrnka. These films were followed by the films *Little Crusader* by Václav Kadrnka with 9 nominations, *Quartette* by Miroslav Krobot with 8 nominations and *Filthy* by Tereza Nvotová also with 8 nominations. Now the academy is revealing the projects that can obtain the awards for television production in two categories on the 10<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 *The Goat Cure* (Czech Television, directed by Lenka Wimmerová), the miniseries *Justice* (Czech Television, directed by Peter Bebjak) and the television film *A Soul to Redeem* (Czech Television, directed by Jiří Svoboda). In the category of the **best television drama series** the most votes were obtained by the series *Bohemia* (Czech Television, directed by Robert Sedláček), *Shadow of the Ferns* (Czech Television, directed by Marek Najbrt and Radim Špaček) and *Gnome* (Czech Television, directed by Jan Prušinovský).

The winners of the film as well as television categories will be announced at the *Czech Lion* ceremonial gala evening that will take place in Prague's Rudolfinum on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March. The gala evening will be hosted by Adela Vinczeová and it will be broadcast live at 8 p.m. by the CT1 channel.

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

*The Goat Cure* – television film, director: Lenka Wimmerová, producer: Kateřina Ondřejková, screenplay: Markéta Bidlasová

*Justice* – miniseries, director: Peter Bebjak, producer: Kateřina Ondřejková and Rastislav Šesták, screenplay: Tomáš Bombík

*A Soul to Redeem* – television film, director: Jiří Svoboda, producer: Jan Maxa, screenplay: Vladimír Körner

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

*Bohemia* – director: Robert Sedláček, producer: Jan Štern, screenplay: Tereza Brdečková

*Shadow of the Ferns* – director: Marek Najbrt and Radim Špaček, producer: Michal Reitler and Vratislav Šlajer, screenplay: Ondřej Štindl

*Gnome* – director: Jan Prušinovský, producer: Michal Reitler, Ondřej Zima, Jan Prušinovský, screenplay: Jan Prušinovský and Petr Kolečko

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#### **Czech Lion**

*The Czech Lion is a prestigious Czech film award that has been presented since 1993. The films are evaluated based on the voting of the members of the Czech Film and Television Academy. The ceremonial gala evening where the winners of the nominees will be announced will take place in Dořák's Hall of Rudolfinum in Prague on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and it will be broadcast live at 8 p.m. by the 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. It has been awarding the most prestigious Czech film award – the Czech Lion and nominates Czech films or documentary features for the awards of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The CFTA consists of 297 members at the moment.*

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