

JURYRAPPORT – BEST CHILDREN'S FILM COMPETITION

Juryleden:

Mariella Harpelunde Jensen, Jan Naszewski, Karla Nor Holmbäck

Listen Up! – Kaveh Tehrani (winner)

No hero ever stands alone. Summer is on, 13 year old Mahmoud is introducing his visiting uncle from Pakistan to the Norwegian lifestyle in the blocks on the outskirts of Oslo. It will be an eventful summer for Mahmoud and the family. His younger brother Ali is coming out as Alia and Mahmoud has to help his father to find his way and embrace the changes in this heartwarming comedy. The Jury salutes this intelligent satire on class and gender, the universal story on the complexity of living in a modern family and the refreshing take on family love and unity. We will never forget the timing, the humor and the heart of the young Mahmoud coming of age in support of Alia. The jury is looking forward to the next film from this director.

Sauvages – Claude Barras

Moving through the ancient forest was an exclusive cinematic experience. The scenery and lighting touched the jury. We enjoyed making an acquaintance with cousin Selai and a young orangutang, while the spirit of the panther touched us. Through these fantastic strong characters in stop motion animation, the film roams between the concept of connecting with wild nature and family throughout generations. This gives the film a global feeling, that inspires the audience to connect stronger to roots or ancestors. This film has a purpose.

Greetings from Mars – Sarah Winkenstette

We all need a crew in our lives, and 10-year-old Tom has a crew. In a nuanced, real, full world the jury connected to all characters in this film. Tom, his siblings, his mother, his grandparents. We salute a grandfather acting on one of the difficult dark chapters of his family. Each character in the film has a story and a purpose. This results in a beautifully balanced script, great cinematography and a main character with a real mother, who has her own life goals. The convincing and spectacular acting from the young actor playing the main character Tom, taught us about being on the spectrum and sharing your special gift with the world.



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