

JURYRAPPORT – BEST INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM COMPETITION, 9+

Jurymedlem:

Emma Branderhorst, Sebastian Kraner, Niels Putman

A Short Film About Kids – Ibrahim Handal (winner)

Through the perspective of children and with a great sense of humour, this film sheds light on the experience of growing up in occupied Palestine. The film's happy-go-lucky lightness is contrasted with an ending that hides nothing and powerfully reminds us why this story is so urgent to tell today and has been for the past 75 years.

Sheep – Hadi Babaeifar

This film captivates with its beautiful visual artistry, creating a world that feels both surreal and intimate. Through the eyes of the young protagonist witnessing the slaughter of sheep, we are faced with an age-old question: is it right to kill and eat animals? We follow her as she takes action and ultimately finds her own answer to this dilemma. Without being moralistic, "Sheep" offers a poetic experience of a girl reconnecting with nature, leaving a lasting impression long after the film ends.

When The Snow Has Melted – Rasmus Sandager

A beautifully sensitive story that explores themes of loss and resilience. The film's carefully chosen, serene shots effectively capture the world of ten-year-old Theo. His friendship with Embla, who treats him without pity, unfolds naturally and beautifully. We were deeply moved by the casting, particularly the young actor playing Theo, whose performance is both genuine and heartfelt. With its delicate direction and nuanced storytelling, this short film resonates powerfully with audiences.



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