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PRESS RELEASE

NEW HOLLAND ISLAND INTERNATIONAL DEBUT FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES WINNERS

The II New Holland Island International Debut Film Festival took place from 6 to 13 October 2021. The films on the competition programme, the jury's films and five out-of-competition programmes were screened at three venues: *Assembly Hall* at *House 12* on New Holland Island, the *Rodina* Cinema Center and House of Cinema. The festival winners were selected by the international jury. Another highlight of the closing ceremony was the announcement of the winners of the *KINOLABORATORIA* project, which was launched with the support of *Hennessy Perspectives*.

MAIN COMPETITION

GRAND PRIX (€15,000)

The Girl and the Spider, Ramon Zürcher and Silvan Zürcher

JURY AWARD (€10,000)

Residue, Merawi Gerima

SHORT FILM COMPETITION

BEST SHORT FILM

THREE EQUAL PRIZES OF €5,000

Seeking Aline, Rokhaya Marieme Balde

Bicentario, Pablo Alvarez-Mesa

Our Feelings of Flight, Danila Lipatov

KINOLABORATORIA PRIZE FOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

TWO EQUAL PRIZES OF 500,000 RUBLES

Phytocontrol, Alexey Mikhailov

Kolka, Sonya Petrenko

HENNESSY PERSPECTIVES GRANT (3,000,000 RUBLES)

Antisexus, Dina Karaman

Pom Bunsermicha's *Lemongrass Girl* also received a Special Mention from the jury in the short film competition.

Ekaterina Selenkina's *Detours* was named the best Russian film of the festival by the national jury. Alexandra Karelina and Ivan Yakushev's *Bobok* received a Special Mention.

This year's feature film jury included film critic and member of the selection committee at the *Berlinale*, the *goEast* Film Festival and *DOK Leipzig* **Barbara Wurm**, director, screenwriter, laureate of the Cannes and Venice film festivals and prizewinner at the Asia Pacific Screen Awards **Adilkhan Yerzhanov**, and art historian, film critic and deputy editor-in-chief of the *Iskusstvo Kino* magazine **Zara Abdullaeva**.

The short film competition was judged by film critic, editor-in-chief of the film section of *Colta.ru* and senior editor at *KinoPoisk* **Vasily Koretsky**, video artist, director and laureate of many international exhibitions and film festivals **Maya Schweizer**, and creator of experimental films, artist and humanities researcher **Masha Godovannaya**.

Guests at the closing ceremony, which was organised in partnership with the *Hennessy Perspectives* programme for contemporary Russian cinema, were able to watch *The Pool*, a video work by Russian artist **Polina Kanis** which won the Sergey Kuryokhin Award for Contemporary Art in the Media Object category in 2016. Guests at the dinner included Roman Abramovich, Alexander Rodnyansky, Sergey Kapkov, Kantemir Balagov, Yuliya Snigir, Renata Litvinova, Rezo Gigineishvili, Alexander Kuznetsov, Aglaya Tarasova, Alisa Khazanova, Matilda Shnurova and Ksenia Tarakanova. *Podpisnie Izdaniya* opened a pop-up bookshop shop in the *Assembly Hall* foyer with a selection of books and journals on cinema.

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