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IMPORTANT: The winners' names may not be published or disclosed before 7:00 p.m. on 27 August 2010

Surprises and inventions honoured in Odense

Odense International Film Festival filled the streets of Odense this week with movie-goers from Denmark and abroad. 120 short films participated in this year's festival competition programme and the winners of the eleven awards have been found.

In the past five days, Odense has teemed with film industry people, film buffs, filmmakers and film talents, all of whom delved into the wonderful world of short films. More than 200 films played to packed cinemas. This marks the 25th OFF, an occasion that Festival Director Birgitte Weinberger and Artistic Director Mikkel Munch-Fals have used to strengthen the festival's profile by returning to its original focus – short films. "It's not about looking back. On the contrary, it is about looking forward and cultivating the creativity and inventiveness that often arises in the short format," says Mikkel Munch-Fals.

1,500 hopeful short films narrowed to 11 winners

This year's festival competition programme was limited exclusively to short films. However, the unique aspect of OFF is that it does not distinguish between fiction and non-fiction, nor between live action and animation. All films shorter than 30 minutes are eligible for the competition. More than 1,500 short films were submitted from around the world for this year's festival. Of these, 120 were selected to participate in the festival competition programme. These 120 films competed for a total of 11 awards that will be given out at this evening's grand award show, "OFF Awards", at Teaterhuset in Odense.

PlayOFF – the award for amateurs

In addition to the 11 awards, the winners of the untraditional PlayOFF competition will be announced; amateur filmmakers from around the world were given 48 hours last weekend to make a three-minute film with the theme "silver". Entries came from countries including India, Latvia and Serbia. Since Monday, 23 August, the films have been available for viewing on YouTube; the winner of the competition will be announced tonight. First prize is DKK 7,500 and the honour of having the winning film shown on the big screen on Saturday, 28 August at Café Biografen in Odense, together with the other OFF10 winning films.

Pitch your story and win DKK 50,000

The winners of Wednesday's Pitch Me Baby competition will also be named tonight. Last Wednesday, ten film industry professionals participated in a contest to see who could best pitch their film idea. The contest took place in a public setting, giving the audience and the jury alike an insight into the creative process behind a film.

OFF10 also featured much more than just competitions and short films. A large part of the festival is about creating a space for creativity and development. Initiatives this year included a series of film workshops for children, Talent Camp for young film talents, film showings in public spaces, a wide range of focus programmes that included showings of documentaries, and much more.

All of the winners are listed below by category, as well as additional information about the juries and the individual competitions.

Learn more about the full programme at www.filmfestival.dk/en

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Awards at OFF10:

The National Jury:

Grand Prix (best Danish film of the year) (Price: the statuette "The Pearl" and 25.000 Dkk.) The Winner 2010: Megaheavy by Fenar Ahmad

Most surprising Danish film of the year (Price: 15.000 Dkk.) The Winner 2010: Out of a Forest by Tobias Gundorff Boesen

Most Inventive Danish film of the year (Price: 15.000 Dkk.) The Winner 2010: Last Call by Jonas Kangas

Special Mention 2010: Out of Love by Birgitte Stærmosé

The International Jury:

Grand Prix (Best internationale film of the year) (Price: the statuette "The Pearl" and 25.000 Dkk.) The Winner 2010: A Lost and Found Box of Human Sensation by Martin Wallner and Stefan Leuchtenberg (Germany)

Most surprising international film of the year (Price: 15.000 Dkk.) The Winner 2010: Death by Suffocation by Visar Morina (Germany)

Most Inventive film of the year (price: 15.000 Dkk.) The Winner 2010: Logorama by Francois Alaux, Hervé de Crécy, Ludovic Houplain (France)

The Animation Jury:

The Danish Animation Society's Award for Best Animation (Price: 15.000 Dkk.) The Winner 2010: Angry Man by Abita Killi (Norway)

Special mention 2010: Whistleless by Siri Melchior (Denmark) and The Little Dragon by Bruno Collet (France)

The Danish Animation Society's Award for Best Animation (Price: 10.000 Dkk.) The Winner 2010: Heavy Heads by Helena Frank (Denmark) and Venus by Tor Fruergaard (Denmark)

The Youth Jury:

Best International Film (Price: 15.000 Dkk.) The Winner 2010: In Our Blood by Guillaume Senez (France)

Best National Film (Price 15.000D Dkk.) The Winner 2010: Megaheavy by Fenar Ahmad

The Audience:

Tv2/Fyns Audience Award: (Price: sculpture by Keld Moseholm) The Winner 2010: Out of Love by Birgitte Stærmosé.

Pitch Me Baby:

The Winner 2010: Oliver Zahle (DK) for the idea "Elephant"

Special mention 2010: Marie Rønn (DK) for the idea "Days that goes by"

PlayOFF:



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1. place: The Lake by Louise Wulf Andersen and Astrid Plesner Hansen (Denmark) (Price: 7.500 Dkk.) ([see the film here](#))
2. place: The Human Sculptures by Joonas Makkonen (Finland) (Price: a Ipod + a subscription to MovieMaker) ([see the film here](#))
3. place: S by Igor Rado (Denmark) (Price: a subscription to MovieMaker.) ([see the film here](#))

Juries, Pitch Me Baby and Play OFF

The International jury:

Heinz Hermanns (D), Morten Kaufmann (DK) and Lotte Svendsen (DK) ([you can read about the jury here](#))

Den nationale jury:

Charlotte Sachs Bostrup (DK), Michael Noer (DK) and Marco Evaristti (DK/Chile) ([you can read about the jury here](#))

Animationsjuryen:

Jørgen Klubien (DK), Dorte Bengtson (DK) and Julia Bracegirdle (UK) ([you can read about the jury here](#))

Youth Jury 8.c. from Paarup Skole

Pitch Me Baby [read about the contest here](#)

PlayOFF [read about the contest here](#)