

SILVER EYE AWARD 2021 NOMINEES

Silver Eye Award

East Silver Market is a unique film market organized by the Institute of Documentary Film in Prague, dedicated solely to the creative documentary cinema of Central and Eastern Europe. As part of the project the Silver Eye Award has been granted annually since 2009 to the best Eastern and Central European documentary films. Since 2018 the award goes to the best short and feature documentary film. The aim of the award is to support directors with innovative approaches, authors of films that create social impact, filmmakers who have the courage to open discussion on serious topics, and creators offering unique points of view.

SILVER EYE AWARD 2021 NOMINEES FEATURE LENGTH DOCUMENTARIES:

COLORS OF TOBI

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Hungary | 81 min. | 2021 | dir. Alexa Bakony

Production: Gábor Osváth – FilmFabriq



A mesmerising portrait of a family grappling with teenage gender dysphoria, this uplifting documentary exudes the defiant message that love is all you need.

DISTURBED EARTH

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Spain, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia | 71 min. | 2021 | dir. Kumjana Novakova, Guillermo Carreras-Candi

Production: Guillermo Carreras-Candi – Atzucac Films, Kumjana Novakova



A space in silence, where the past has captured the present. Taking over, layer by layer, the collective pain enters the landscape, the space, the city. Eventually, it enters us. Srebrenica becomes a reality of today, and our own reality.

F@CK THIS JOB

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United Kingdom, Germany | 104 min. | 2021 | dir. Vera Krichevskaya

Production: Mike Lerner, Vera Krichevskaya – Six Days Film



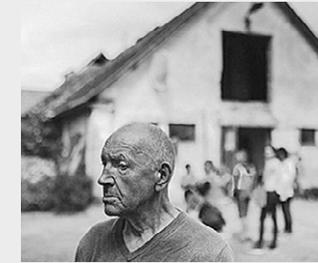
Natasha, 35, is a newly rich, successful woman who is looking for fame, reputation, and dreams to come true. She decided to launch an independent TV station – Dozhd TV in Putin's Russia, 2008. We follow her 13-years journey.

HIPPODROME

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Estonia | 85 min. | 2021 | dir. Vladimir Loginov

Production: Elina Litvinova, Pille Rünk – Allfilm



Located in the heart of Tallinn, the capital of Estonia, the Hippodrome used to be the centre of entertainment for all its neighbouring countries. For nearly 100 years, it has lured visitors with bets and races, and the chance to try their luck with the totalisator.

LANDSCAPES OF RESISTANCE

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Serbia, Germany, France | 95 min. | 2021 | dir. Marta Popivoda

Production: Dragana Jovicic – THEORY AT WORK, Jasmina Sijercic – Bocalupo Films



The film traces a journey through the memories of antifascist fighter Sonja (97), one of the first women Partisans in Yugoslavia, who was also among the leaders of the Resistance movement at Auschwitz.

LINES

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Slovakia | 80 min. | 2021 | dir. Barbora Sliepková

Production: Barbara Janišová Feglová – HITCHHIKER Cinema



Lines is a visual essay, a tangle of stories and observations set in the exemplary post-socialist city of Bratislava; a place experiencing dynamic transformation.

MARA

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France | 62 min. | 2021 | dir. Sasha Kulak

Production: Louis Beaudemont – Les Steppes Productions, Ksenia Gorenstein



Belarus, August 2020 – Minsk is overflowing with massive protests. Mara attempts to capture a new weapon of Lukashenko's regime: the distortion between reality and fiction.

ORPHEUS

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Russia | 116 min. | 2021 | dir. Vadim Kostrov

Production: Gleb Piryatinskiy – mal de mer films



In the last days of the summer of 2019, young filmmaker Vadim returns to his hometown to say goodbye to his first love Anya, thereby beginning the cycle of ritualised farewells that follow, each one exploring the meaning of endings in a different light.

ROSES. FILM – CABARET

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Ukraine | 80 min. | 2021 | dir. Irena Stetsenko

Production: Oleksandra Kravchenko, Oleg Sosnov



A tragicomic musical exploring the heights of cabaret in the modern world, following the 7 female artists of the freak cabaret Dakh Daughters Band.

INTENSIVE LIFE UNIT

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Czech Republic | 72 min. | 2021 | dir. Adéla Komrzý

Production: Pavla Janoušková Kubečková – nutprodukce



Observational documentary exploring the capability of doctors and patients to learn and to communicate the simple, yet long forgotten truth: death.

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SHORT DOCUMENTARIES:

DIRNDLSCHULD

Austria | 15 min. | 2021 | dir. Wilbirg Brainin-Donnenberg

Production: Wilbirg Brainin-Donnenberg

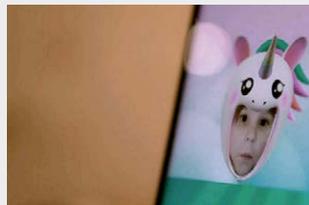


The world famous Austrian traditional dress – the Dirndl – sheds its Sound-of-Music nostalgia and is made to face its share in history and family testimony.

DON'T HESITATE TO COME FOR A VISIT, MOM

Russia | 12 min. | 2021 | dir. Anna Artyemyeva

Production: Daphne Pascual



This is a story about the separation of a mother and 3 years old daughter, who live far from each other, because of visa issues. Every day they communicate in video chat and dream of an imminent meeting.

DUSK

Hungary | 21 min. | 2021 | dir. Bálint Bíró

Production: Bálint Bíró



An ominous documentary viewing a global theme from the perspective of a small Hungarian community. A "landguard" and his son go on patrol in the border area near Serbia, where an invisible danger looms.

FOR TOMORROW PARADISE ARRIVES

Estonia | 28 min. | 2021 | dir. Anna Hints

Production: Evelin Penttilä – Stellar Film, Johanna Maria Paulson



The world is suffering from the flood of food waste. To save the environment and the future of their children, young mothers decide to feed their families by diving into the dumpsters of the enormous super markets.

CHILDREN OF THE DEAD

Spain, Czech Republic | 24 min. | 2021 | dir. Luay Albasha

Production: Luay Albasha, Dominik Barič



Children of the Dead shows fragments of Rami's, Salama and other testimonies life who work, live and sleep on the tombs of Qaitbay in Cairo.

I'M HERE

Poland | 15 min. | 2021 | dir. Julia Orlik

Production: Agata Golańska

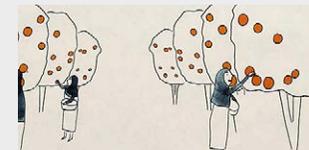


A film about caring for an elderly, paralyzed woman.

ONCE UPON A TIME IN ISRAEL

Poland | 11 min. | 2021 | dir. Weronika Szyma

Production: Weronika Szyma



A girl in love with a Palestinian goes to Israel for the first time.

SOLAR VOYAGE

Poland | 18 min. | 2021 | dir. Adam Zadło

Production: Jerzy Kapuscinski & Ewa Jastrzebska – Munk Studio – Polish Filmmakers Association



"Solar Voyage" is a story of a man who, after years of isolation, embarks on a journey around the world, searching for love and the sun.

SOUNDS OF WEARINESS

Lebanon, Belgium, Hungary | 13 min. | 2021 | dir. Taymour Boulos

Production: Taymour Boulos



In the middle of one of his recurrent anxiety attacks, a Lebanese young man living in Brussels finds rest in a laundromat.

WE HAVE TO SURVIVE: FUKUSHIMA!

Slovakia | 13 min. | 2021 | dir. Tomáš Krupa

Production: Tomáš Krupa – HAILSTONE



Mankind is unlikely to stop climate change, but it can adapt to the new, harder conditions.

Feature length documentaries jury: **Rebecca De Pas** (Visions du Réel, Programmer), **Maarten Stoltz** (Movies That Matter, Programmer), **Cintia Gil** (Film Curator)

Short documentaries jury: **Marija Milovanović** (Vienna Independent Shorts, Head of International Competition Fiction & Documentary), **Lenka Tyrpáková** (Pragueshorts Film Festival, Programmer), **Emilia Mazik** (Short Waves Festival, Festival Director)



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