

## 35<sup>th</sup> OULU INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL

### AWARDS 2016

#### Children's Film Competition

Star Boy Award given by the Children's jury: *Paw* directed by **Róbert-Adrian Pejó**

ECFA award given by the International jury Bea Appels, Jaroslava Hynštová and Katri Tenetz.

#### Youth Film Competition

Global Future Award given by the Youth film competition jury from The Finnish 4H Organisation's Association in Oulu: *Magnus*, directed by **Benjamin Ree**.

#### Finnish Competition

Look at Me Award given by Elina Rislakki: *Little Wing* directed by **Selma Vilhunen**.

#### STAR BOY AWARD: PAW

The Children's jury gave the Star Boy Award sponsored by the Oulun Energia company to the director of the best film in the Children's film competition. The prize consists of 3000 euros and a Star Boy statuette made by **Sanna Koivisto**.

Jury's statement:

"The winning film had a good story and just the right amount of suspense. The most moving moment came when the dog Isis died. The dog Paw was trained well for his role. As a puppy he was cute and inquisitive but became braver and more confident as he grew older. This film is suitable for people of all ages.

The director of the winning film is **Róbert-Adrian Pejó**, the name of the film is *Paw!*  
*Nelly's Adventure* came second and the third is *The Little Mountain Boy*"

#### ECFA AWARD: GOING TO SCHOOL

The ECFA award was founded by the European Children's Film Association in 2010. It is given to the best European film in the Children's film competition by an International jury: Bea Appels from the Netherlands, Jaroslava Hynštová from Czech Republic and Katri Tenetz from Oulu, Finland. The winner is *Going to School* directed by **Frederik Meldal Nørgaard**.

Jury's statement:

"In this colorful film humor and fantasy world was built proficiently from the lively children's point of view. Relations between children and adults were special and fun. The main actor is very talented young boy whose upbeat tempo in the film is enjoyable for all age groups. Editing and

rhythm made audience feel like a little boy and it gave an extra dimension for the film. Story was partly told by a hassle-free band which gave nice breaks for the tempo. After watching this film you left cinema with happiness and smile on your face.”

#### **GLOBAL FUTURE AWARD: MAGNUS**

Awarded by The Finnish 4H Organisation's Association in Oulu, the Global Future Award is given by a youth jury consisting of three members to the best youth film in the festival. The winner is *Magnus* directed by **Benjamin Ree**.

Jury's statement:

“The movie is the most appropriate for young generation. It is very supportive and encouraging. The spectator will continue to ponder the story and it motivates the young person to reach for their dreams. The movie is an excellent and educative growth story which everyone should see.”

#### **LOOK AT ME AWARD: LITTLE WING**

The Media Foundation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland grants a 1500 euro prize to a Finnish feature or short film of The Finnish Competition at the festival. This year the recipient was chosen by accomplished media professional Elina Rislakki.

Comments by the juror Elina Rislakki:

“A film that takes us to the world of a little girl. Brutally honest story that touches the viewer deeply. Brilliant work from the actors and a wonderful evidence about the director's talent. A film for all of us.

The winner is Little Wing directed by Selma Vilhunen.”

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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