

The winners at OFF13 are...

This year's best short film has been found: In April 3000 films were submitted; in May, the number of films approved by the pre-selection jury was 88. Now the OFF13 juries have voted, and 9 awards have been distributed between 8 films. Only 1 is leaving Odense International Film Festival with the Grand Prix and 100.000 kr. This Sunday, all of the winning films will screen in cinemas in Odense to round off a successful festival week.

This year's award-winning films at OFF13 are the crème de la crème in the world of short film right now, and have proved that quality and artistic integrity can go hand in hand with impressive audience numbers. The screenings of competition films have been packed all week, and Danish and International filmmakers have been present to meet their audience and participate in Q&A's, demonstrating the no longer so surprising appeal of the short film to a broad audience. Out of 150 short films at the festival, 88 were part of the official competition programme.

Head of Festival Birgitte Weinberger says:

"We are overwhelmed and overjoyed at the number of films submitted to the festival in 2013. Luckily there were not just many films, but many good films. Our juries have really been set to the test this year. It is a thrill to have the international film world in Odense, and the bar has been set very high for next year's competition."

From OFF to Hollywood

As an added bonus, OFF is celebrating its first year as an Academy Award qualifying festival, which will send its two winning films in the main categories to the Academy in Hollywood, where they will be judged for the international short film category for 2013.

In the last 20 years, no less than 20 Danish short films have received an Oscar nomination– and three have gone on to win the sought-after statuette. Denmark's largest short film festival is the natural scene of discussion of the position of the short film anno 2013, and this year's OFF winners offer plenty of opportunity to examine the genre anew.

Information about winners and the juries

Every winning film at the festival is listed below according to category. The juries and additional competitions are also described below.

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OFF13 AWARDS

Main competition

HCA Award: *Sirocco*. Director: Mikko Kuparinen (Finland)

Grand prix. Prize: 100.000 DKK. [Read more about the film](#)

The Artist Award: *Adamt*. Director: Zelalem Woldemariam (Ethiopia)

Prize: 15.000 DKK. [Read more about the film](#)

The Storyteller Award: *The Mother (Matka)*. Director: Lukasz Ostalski (Poland)

Prize: 15.000 DKK. [Read more about the film](#)

Danish Competition

Best Danish Short Film: *The Painter (En Maler)*. Director: Hlynur Pálmason

Prize: 25.000 DKK. [Read more about the film](#)

Talent Award: *Puff Puff Pass (Ud, Spring Over, Ind)*. Director: Thomas Daneskov

Præmie: 15.000 DKK. [Read more about the film](#)

Animation Awards

Børge Ring Award: *Una Furtiva Legrima*. Director: Carlo Vogele (France/USA)

Prize: 15.000 DKK. [Read more about the film](#)

Animation Talent Award: *Cheers Viola! (Skål Viola!)* Director: Susanna Bækby Olesen (Denmark)

Prize: 10.000 DKK. [Read more about the film](#)

Special Mention: *Goutte d'Or*. Director: Christophe Peladan (France/Denmark)

Children and Youth

Best Children – and Youth Award: *9 Metres (9 Meter)*. Director: Anders Walter (Denmark)

Prize: 15.000 DKK. [Read more about the film](#)

Audience Award

Tv2/Fyns Audience Award: *Ud, Spring Over, Ind* by director Thomas Daneskov (Denmark)

Prize: [Read more about the film](#)

Pitch Me Baby

Winner of Pitch Me Baby: Patrick Sølberg with "A Wolf at the Door"

Prize: 30.000 Kr.

PlayOFF

1. Place: *Et halvandet minut* by Emilie Thejll-Madsen and Natalia Szwebs

Prize: iPad Mini (16 gb) [Watch the film here](#)

2. Place: *Until we meet again* by Esteri Orjasniemi

Prize: Urbanista Headphones [Watch the film here](#)

3. Place: *Isolation* by Benjamin Dahlerup

Prize: OFF merchandise (OFF T-shirt, OFF underwear etc.) [Watch the film here](#)

ABOUT THE JURIES, PITCH ME BABY & PLAYOFF

Main Competition Jury: Jennifer Fox (US) Milad Alami (S), Lisbeth Wulff (DK).

Danish Competition Jury: Anders Haahr Rasmussen (DK), Rachel Shane (US), Tova Magnusson (S).

Animation Jury: Christian Bach, Thorbjørn Rasmussen, Anne-Marie Steen Petersen (DK)

Youth Jury: 8.a from Skt. Klemensskolen in Odense.

[Read more about the juries here](#)

Pitch Me Baby - [Read more about this competition here](#)

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Images: Stills from *Sirocco* and *The Painter*.

