

THE “CORTI DA SOGNI – ANTONIO RICCI” AWARDS – 2021 EDITION

The 21st edition of the Short Film Festival – Antonio Ricci has declared its winners. At the end of eight days of cinema, everyone very crowded, Saturday 26th June the award ceremony took place at the “Arena del Sole” in Lido di Classe, organized with the help of Ravenna Municipality’s Cultural Division, with Uicc and the support of the Monte di Bologna and Ravenna foundation.

“The Festival under stars had great success – comment the members of Circolo Sogni -; pieces of great quality and a great response from the audience made these days a real rebirth for the event after long stop inflicted by the pandemic. While waiting for the comeback of the Festival in the Rasi Theatre in Ravenna, the Arena del Sole was the perfect place for it and it created for sure the right precondition for future collaborations with Solaris, who looks after the scheduling during the summer time. Hoping to get back to normality as soon as possible, Circolo Sogni is already working on some future events and ready to keep alive the Cinema Laboratories collaboration with schools as we never stopped doing. The short films are a tools to read the present times and the real evolution of society; in these eight days we showed 60 of them, hailed from 30 different countries (subtitles cured by Les Bompard Productions). Even this year, the several sections awarded pieces of deep interest, irony and commitment who faced, sometimes with lightness, sometimes in a more dramatic way, topics like violence, work mistreatment, environmental defence and ecologic development, gender gap (even among the superpowered women), the life conditions of who lives in a foreign country and much more.”

The Awarded shortfilms

The director Gianluca Zonta and the actor Giga Imedadze, stepped on the stage to recall the Made in Italy award for the short film **Pizza Boy** who deals with two topics: the mistreatment of riders and the conditions of the foreign people in Italy. The award was consigned by Walter and Rosanna Ricci. The jury was formed by Franco Calandrini (founder and co-director of Ravenna Nightmare Film Festival), Matteo Cavezzali (writer and artistic director of ScrittuRa Festival) and Corrado Ravaioli (journalist and communication expert).

The award evening opened with Middle School Guido Novello’s students who, coordinated by their teachers, Rossana Ballestrazzi and Marina Miceli, were the jury assigning a prize to the Luxembourgish short film **Portraitist** by Neshvad Cyrus, portraying a painter, grandfather of a nephew forced in bed by a terrible disease.

The audience award, “Creatività in Corto” has been assigned to the Italian director Daniele Lince who signed “**Fulmini e Saette**”. An ironic and incredibly funny short film, that portrays the “Flash Woman” (played by Carolina Crescentini), who, after saving dozen of lives, has to get home to make dinner to his unaware husband. The evening continued with the assignation of the Sogni d’Oro Award. The jury – formed by Gabriele Marino (director), Alessandro Renda (actor and theatre director) and Juan Riedinger (actor and director) – gave the award to the Iranian **Funfair** by Kaveh Mazaheri: a family plots a really dangerous plan to get money from their insurance. But not everything will go as expected.

The jurors Flavio Fabbri, Camilla Panebarco and Angelina Maestri, gave the award for the animation section dedicated to tge great engraver Giuseppe Maestri, to **Song Sparrow** by Farzaneh Omidvarnia. The Iranian director created a moving short film aimed to the reflection about the migrants condition.

The European Sogni Award – jury formed by Tiziano Gamberini (Cinemaincentro), Renout Hellental (director) and Gerardo Lamattina (director) – was assigned to the belgian short **A Sister** by Delphine Girard who tells us in a very effective way the attempting of the police to save a woman who’s in a car driven by a violent and dangerous man.

Frequenze in Corto award, given to the videoclips, has been conquered by the dreamy and bewitching **Fucking Down** (song by Fatal Tiger) directed by the Spanish director Amanda Lago.

The Mitici Critici Kids award was given to the Australian piece **Lost and found** by Andrew Goldsmith and Bradley Slabe. The jury was formed by the students of the elementary school Torre, with the coordination of their teachers Jenny Cardinali and Annarosa Frondi.

Film School prize has been won by the short film **Hello my dears** by Alexander Vasiliev, Russian director. The jury was formed by the students of the Science High School A. Oriani in Ravenna, coordinated by their teacher Angela Malfitano.