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THE AWARD OF THE CITY OF HOF 2017 AND THE GERMAN CINEMA NEW TALENT AWARD 2017

Munich, 26 October 2017 – The GERMAN CINEMA NEW TALENT AWARD and the AWARD OF THE CITY OF HOF were presented on Thursday, 26 October 2017 at the Freiheitshalle during the 51st Hof International Film Festival.

GERMAN CINEMA NEW TALENT AWARD

The award is endowed with 10,000 euros, donated by the DZ-Bank, Bavaria Film and Bavarian Broadcasting. The award is given to a filmmaker or production in the festival program, for a film which is the filmmaker's first, second or third feature-length film.

Award winner 2017:

JAN ZABELL for THREE PEAKS

Jury's decision:

THREE PEAKS tells the story of Lea, her 10-year-old son Tristian and Aaron, Lea's new boyfriend. Far away from civilization, they intend to take a break in a remote mountain cabin. What is meant to be a family vacation ends as a struggle between life and death. Director and author Jan Zabeil depicts almost casually, with sparing dialogue and archaic images the inner abyss of his characters. When Tristan and Aaron go on a hike, they get lost from one another in the snow and become erratic enemies in the face of the forces of nature. With THREE PEAK Jan Zabeil has succeeded in creating a great and stunning piece of cinema.

The jury:

Aelrun Goette (director, DIE KINDER SIND TOT, UNTER DEM EIS, TATORT: KLARA BLUM: WOFÜR ES SICH ZUM LEBEN LOHNT),

Elzemariëke de Vos (actress, FULL MOON, TEENASAURUS REX),

Sigrid Hoerner (producer, MISS SIXTY, RAMMBOCK, IM SCHWITZKASTEN).

AWARD OF THE CITY OF HOF 2017

Since 1986, the prize is awarded to a personality closely connected to the Hof International Film Festival.

Award winner 2017

Documentary director WOLFGANG ETTLICH

Wolfgang Ettllich was at the Hof International Film Festival in 1991 with his film AUSGERECHNET BANANEN – EINE DEUTSCH-DEUTSCHES WIRTSCHAFTSWUNDER. Since then, he has been a regular guest in Hof, not only as a filmmaker, but (just as important) as a member of the 1. FC Hofer Filmtage soccer team. Six of his films celebrated their premiere in Hof. At last year's 50th edition he presented his film BIST DU BEATLES ODER STONES – NEUKÖLLNER JUNGS, which Heinz Badewitz himself had selected for the program.

Wolfgang Ettllich was born in 1974 in Berlin. After training at the German Federal Post Office, he decided against a career in civil service. He moved from Berlin to Munich and finished his secondary schooling, followed by studies in Communication Science and Political Science. Together with his childhood friend Henry Heppel, he opened a pub in Schwabing in 1972, which since 1976 also hosts cabaret artists. Parallel to this, he founded his own production company in 1985 and works continuously as an author, producer and director of documentaries, churning out a new film almost every year.

The ensemble of SOMEWHERE IN TONGA by Florian Schewe was also honored with an Honorable Mention. On a small island in the middle of nowhere, amateur and professional actors meet and develop an interaction of unbridled intensity. Thank you for this touching cinematic adventure.

Information on the Hof International Film Festival and press accreditation forms are available at www.hofer-filmtage.com/en and www.facebook.com/hoferfilmtage.

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