

Locarno Film Festival 5–15.8.2026

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Official Awards

LOCARNO79 OFFICIAL SELECTION

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CROSS-SECTION AWARDS

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Concorso Internazionale

The official **Concorso Internazionale Jury** of the 79th Locarno Film Festival

composed of:

Jury President

Fabrice Du Welz, Director (Belgium)

Jury Members

Marco Alessi, Producer (Italy)

Lolita Chammah, Actress (France, Italy)

Paulina García, Actress (Chile)

Olivier Père, Executive Director - ARTE France Cinéma and Head of the Cinema Unit - ARTE France (France)

awarded the following prizes:

Pardo d'Oro – Grand Prize of the Festival and City of Locarno

CHF 75,000 to be shared equally between the director and the producer, to:

NU E LOCUL TAU AICI (YOU DON'T BELONG HERE) by Florin Șerban, Romania

Special Jury Prize – Cities of Ascona and Losone

CHF 30,000 to be shared equally between the director and the producer, to:

A MARGEM DO RIO (THE RIVERBANK) by Matheus Farias, Enock Carvalho, Brazil/Germany

Pardo for Best Direction – City and Region of Locarno

CHF 20,000 to the director, to:

Hong Sangsoo for ***NUN DUL DEGA EOMNE (NOWHERE TO LAY MY EYES)***, South Korea

Pardo for Best Performance

to **Kim Minhee** for ***NUN DUL DEGA EOMNE (NOWHERE TO LAY MY EYES)*** by Hong Sangsoo, South Korea

Pardo for Best Performance

to **Monica Bellucci** for ***KETTICÈ*** by Giovanni Tortorici, Italy

Special Mention

to **Xavier Bergeron** for ***VIOLENCE DU CORPS DE L'AUTRE*** by Denis Côté, Canada

Special Mention

to **Teodor Butănescu** for ***NU E LOCUL TAU AICI (YOU DON'T BELONG HERE)*** by Florin Șerban, Romania

Concorso Cineasti del Presente

The official **Concorso Cineasti del Presente Jury** of the 79th Locarno Film Festival

composed of:

Jury Members

Afef Ben Mahmoud, Actress, director, producer (Tunisia)

Radovan Šíbrt, Producer and director (Czech Republic)

Margherita Spampinato, Director, screenwriter, editor (Italy)

awarded the following prizes:

Pardo d'Oro – Concorso Cineasti del Presente

CHF 35,000 to be shared equally between the director and the producer, to:

LA ILUSIÓN DE UN VERANO SIN FIN by Alessandra Sanguinetti, Argentina/USA

Best Emerging Director Award – City and Region of Locarno

CHF 20,000 to the director to:

Beatrice Gibson for ***AT NIGHT***, United Kingdom/France

Special Jury Prize CINE+OCS

A promotional campaign to the value of CHF 25,000 on CINE+OCS channels at the time of its theatrical release in France, to:

REVOLUTIONARIES NEVER DIE by Mohanad Yaqubi, Palestine/Belgium/Qatar

Pardo for Best Performance

to **Idrissu Tontie Jr.** for ***EGO REACH WE ALL (OUR TIME WILL COME)*** by Amartei Armar, Ghana/France/Saudi Arabia

Pardo for Best Performance

to **Manal Issa** for ***L'ESTIVE*** by Naël Khleifi, Lisa Debauche, Belgium/France

Special Mention

to ***LOS DÍAS LIBRES*** by Lucila Mariani, Argentina/Brazil/Mexico/France

Special Mention

to ***HANABI*** by Ana Vaz, France/Brazil

Pardi di Domani

The official **Pardi di Domani Jury** of the 79th Locarno Film Festival

composed of:

Jury Members

Mounia Akl, Director (Lebanon)

Steven Markovitz, Producer (South Africa)

Antonio Piazza, Director (Italy)

awarded the following prizes:

Concorso Corti d'Autore

Pardino d'Oro WePresent by WeTransfer for the Best Auteur Short Film

CHF 15,000 to the director, to:

THE BOVINE COMEDY by Ratchapoom Boonbunchachoke, France

Special Mention

to **ET SI THUY N'EXISTAIT PAS** by Carlo Francisco Manatad,
Philippines/France/Indonesia

Concorso Internazionale

Pardino d'Oro Arts3 Foundation for the Best International Short Film

CHF 10,000 to the director, to:

MELK by Filip Anthonissen, Belgium

Pardino d'Argento Arts3 Foundation for the International Competition

CHF 5,000 to the director, to:

KHUFU by Mahmoud Assi, Egypt/France/Sweden/Canada

Pardino for the Best Direction WeShort for the International Competition

CHF 5,000 to the director, to:

MUTRION by Marco Cavazzin, Italy

Locarno Short Film Candidate for the European Film Awards

to **MELK** by Filip Anthonissen, Belgium

Special Mention

to **LAS DAMAS** by Camille Zéhenne, France

Concorso Nazionale

Pardino d'Oro SRG SSR for the Best Swiss Short Film

CHF 10,000 to the director, to:

TYPHOON MAMBO by Domenico Singha Pedroli, Switzerland/France/Thailand

Pardino d'Argento SRG SSR for the National Competition

CHF 5,000 to the director, to:

ALLES GUTE by Patricia Strübin, Switzerland

Best Swiss Newcomer Award

which provides equipment and services offered by Downtown Studio (CHF 10,000)
and Taurus Studio (CHF 2,000), to:

RESPIRER UNE FOIS SUR TROIS by Charlyne Genoud, Switzerland

Locarno Kids Screenings

The official **Locarno Kids Screenings Jury** of the 79th Locarno Film Festival

composed of:

13 young Jury Members aged between 11 and 15

Carolina Bubba
Maeva Caterino
Leone Cofrancesco
Teresa Faré
Massimo Keller
Elia Longhi
Serena Lydon
Valentina Lydon
Giacomo Perrone
Mikaela Riaboshtan
Jacopo Rigoni
Viola Rigoni
Anna Zitarelli

awarded the following prizes:

Locarno Kids Award la Mobiliare

CHF 15,000 to the director, to:

PARADEISA by Marleen Valien, Germany

First Feature

The official **First Feature Jury** of the 79th Locarno Film Festival

composed of:

Jury Members

Matthieu Darras, Film lab director (France)

Sung Moon, Programmer (Republic of Korea)

Klaudia Reynicke, Filmmaker (Switzerland/Peru)

awarded the following prizes:

Swatch First Feature Award

CHF 15,000 to the director, to:

LA ILUSIÓN DE UN VERANO SIN FIN by Alessandra Sanguinetti (Argentina/USA)

Pardo for Change

Founded together with WWF, supported by ARX and Wyss Academy For Nature

The official **Pardo for Change Jury** of the 79th Locarno Film Festival

composed of:

Jury Members

Gianluca Grossi, Reporter and writer (Switzerland)

Mo Harawe, Filmmaker and screenwriter (Somalia/Austria)

Seta Thakur, Head of Communications and Social Innovation,
Wyss Academy for Nature (Switzerland)

awarded the following prize:

Pardo for Change

CHF 20,000 to the director, to:

EGO REACH WE ALL (OUR TIME WILL COME) by Amartei Armar,
Ghana/France/Saudi Arabia

Special Mentions (Feature Film)

to ***LOS NUEVOS*** by Rodrigo Plá, Mexico/Spain

Special Mentions (Short Film)

to ***PRIVATE PROPERTY*** by Deepak Rauniyar, USA/Nepal/France/Australia

Independent Juries and Awards

Ecumenical Jury Prize

Jury Members

Viera Pirker, Jury President (Germany)
Jean-Luc Gadreau (France)
Juha Rajamäki (Finland)
Sarah Stutte (Switzerland)

The Ecumenical Jury awarded its prize, offered by the Reformed Churches and the Catholic Church of Switzerland, to the value of CHF 10,000 to the director: **Hong Sangsoo** for **NUN DUL DEGA EOMNE (NOWHERE TO LAY MY EYES)**, South Korea

FIPRESCI Prize

(International Federation of Film Critics)

Jury Members

Sona Karapoghosyan, Jury President (Armenia)
Mihai Fulger (Romania)
Virat Nehru (Australia)
Georgios Papadimitriou (Greece)
Anne-Sophie Scholl (Switzerland)

The International Federation of Film Critics awarded the International Critics' Prize (FIPRESCI Prize) to: **LEJOS DE LOS ÁRBOLES (FAR FROM THE TREES)** by Meritxell Colell Aparicio, Spain/Peru/Italy

Europa Cinemas Label

Jury Members

Züleyha Azman (The Netherlands)
Erika Borsos (Austria)
Joyce Palmers (Belgium)
Tomasz Poborca (Poland)

The Jury has awarded the Europa Cinemas Label, intended to enhance the circulation of a European film chosen amongst those of the Concorso Internazionale and the Concorso Cineasti del Presente on the screens of the Europa Cinemas network, to: **NU E LOCUL TAU AICI (YOU DON'T BELONG HERE)** by Florin Șerban, Romania

Junior Jury Awards

The jury members are selected from the participants in the Cinema & Gioventù initiative, organized by Bellinzona's Castellinaria Festival del cinema giovane on behalf of the Dipartimento dell'educazione, della cultura e dello sport (DECS) of the Canton Ticino.

The first Junior Jury, composed of Vittorio Di Angelo, Francesco Maria Ippoliti, Virginia Barbacini, Alessia Nunziante, Vittoria Soldaini, Julian Muller, Edoardo Ravina, awarded the following prizes to the three best directors in the **Concorso Internazionale**:

First Prize (CHF 6,000)

NU E LOCUL TAU AICI (YOU DON'T BELONG HERE) by Florin Șerban, Romania

Second Prize (CHF 4,000)

VIOLENCE DU CORPS DE L'AUTRE (NOBODY'S VIOLENCE) by Denis Côté, Canada

Third Prize (CHF 2,000)

MANHUNT by Wayne Wapeemukwa, Canada

"The Environment is Quality of Life" Prize (CHF 3,000)

offered by the Ticino Department of Internal Affairs:

I RARELY WAKE UP DREAMING by Isabelle Stever, Germany/Ukraine

Special Mention

to ***D'ICI LÀ*** by Sarah Leonor, France

The second Junior Jury, composed of Ginevra Gennari, Valentina Verre, Elia Privet, Linda Jam, Maïa Monnet, Clement De Castelberg, Letizia Marrone, assigned a prize of CHF 2,000 to the best film shown in the section **Concorso Cineasti del Presente**, to: ***TEAR GAS*** by Uta Beria, Georgia/France/Germany

Special Mentions

LA ILUSIÓN DE UN VERANO SIN FIN (THE ILLUSION OF AN EVERLASTING SUMMER) by Alessandra Sanguinetti, Argentina/USA

The third Junior Jury, composed of Ilaria Bosco, Amy Negro, Tania Bignasca, Zoe Thunman, Veselina Tchimova, Beatrice Cereda, awarded the following two prizes, worth CHF 1,500, to the best short films in the **Concorso Internazionale and in the Concorso Nazionale of the Pardi di Domani** section, one prize to the best short film in the **Concorso Corti d'Autore**, and the "The environment is quality of life" Prize – worth CHF 2,000 and offered by the Ticino Department of Internal Affairs of the Cantone Ticino – to a short film in the section **Open Doors Screenings** to:

Pardi di Domani

Concorso Internazionale

HERSHEWE FAZANAWERD (FORGOTTEN SPACEMAN) by Elham Ehsas, United Kingdom/Afghanistan

Concorso Nazionale

RESPIRER UNE FOIS SUR TROIS by Charlyne Genoud, Switzerland

Concorso Corti d'Autore

ÂSHEGHETAM by Filmsaazs, France/Switzerland/Iran

Special Mention – Concorso Internazionale

PREMIER FEU by Blanca Camell Galí, France/Spain

Special Mention – Concorso Corti d'Autore

THE BOVINE COMEDY by Ratchapoom Boonbunchachoke, France

Open Doors Screenings**“The Environment is Quality of Life” Prize**

CONCRETE MOVES by Fagamou Fama Ndiaye, Senegal

Semaine de la Critique Awards**Jury Members**

Olmo Cerri (Switzerland)

Barbara Miller (Switzerland)

Bettina Oberli (Switzerland)

The Jury has awarded the following prizes:

Grand Prix Semaine de la Critique – Prix SRG SSR

CHF 5,000 to the director and the producer, to:

A TERAZ WIOSNA (BLOSSOMING) by Kamila Serwicka, Poland

Marco Zucchi Award

CHF 2,000 to the formally and most aesthetically innovative documentary, to:

SEUL LE SERPENT SAIT (ONLY THE SERPENT KNOWS) by Olivier S  ror, Martin Verdet, France