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**PRESS RELEASE – GOLDEN PEGASUS AWARDS BRIDGES INTERNATIONAL  
FILM FESTIVAL AT NAFPLIO**

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**The International Film Festival of Peloponnese "BRIDGES" at NAFPLIO**

**Under the auspices of the Municipality of Nafplio and DOPPAT**

*(Municipal Organization for Sport, Culture, Tourism and the Environment)*

During the week that went on at the BRIDGES Festival in Nafplio, we experienced the magic of cinema through the creations of their contributors, whom we congratulate on the quality, sensitivity of the subjects and the aesthetic inspiration offered by their films. The selection was difficult and we wish all the movies a good follow-up and more success to their cast. The participants enjoyed a touring on the beautiful Nafplio and got to know great Greek artists, such as the actors Nikitas Tsakiroglou, Chrysoula Diavati, and the filmmakers Yiannis Smaragdis - who announced the preparation for his upcoming film on Ioannis Kapodistrias – and Thodoros Maragkos.

The **10<sup>th</sup> International Film Festival Bridges of Peloponnese** is certified by the **Association of European Festivals EFFE Label Europe for Festivals - Festivals for Europe**. The Festival began with screenings in **Corinth on 28-29 December 2019 and the Golden Pegasus Awards Ceremony was held for the fifth year in Nafplio**. The beautiful celebration took place at the Parliament House, and in the entrance was the exhibition featured the works of children of Nafplio elementary schools who painted after the screening of the animated "Aesop's Fables", by the awarded by the Athens Academy 3D Animator Dinos Theodosiou . We are very grateful for his participation in the awards, the Vice-Mayor of Transparency and Digital Management Mr. Konstantinos Routoulas, as well as the Mayor of Nafplio, Mr. Dimitrios Kostouros, and the President of DOPPAT, Mrs. Maria Ralli for her great support. We thank the communication sponsor the TV channel Body in Balance Greece, which was represented at Nafplio by Ifigenia Tsantili, project manager and editor of the channel. The Greek Radio Television and eidisoules.gr were the sponsors of communication at the festival.

We warmly thank the partners and supporters at the Bridges International Film Festival of Peloponnese in Nafplio, who are the following:

- The University of Peloponnese and the Department of Theatrical Studies third Semester (teaching by Ioanna Papadopoulou) who participated in a lecture with Mr. Nikitas Tsakiroglou
- Primary education and Theodosios Karamanos who assisted in the screening of the animation "Aesop's Fables" for the primary schools of Nafplio.
- The enthusiastic audience applauded the Nafplio Choral Workshop under the direction of Mr. Yiannis Nikolopoulos. On the piano was Sagkioti Dimitra and on the bouzouki Christos Sereslis.
- Mr. Konstantinos Spiliotis, President of Proskinio Productions for the technical support, on cameras with Stamatis Nerantzakis and editing with Nikiforos Kostavasilis, as well as the making of the short film by Pegasus Film Lab which was screened at the Closing Ceremony of the Bridges Festival.
- Ms Florica Kyriakopoulou for the warmth and hospitality for the guests of the Bridges Festival at the Artcenter Fougaro
- Koroniotis Winery.
- Ippoliti Hotel and 3sixty wine bar
- Global Art Studios and Socrates Lambropoulos for the making of the Golden Pegasus sculpture.
- The Embassy of Austria

## **AWARDS**

### **10th BRIDGES INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL OF PELOPONNESE**

The independent Jury of the short films consists of Ifigenia Tsantili-journalist, Angelique Monet-actress and producer, Bejay Browne-director and journalist and Alexis Chaviaras-director and animator.

#### **A PART**

##### **A) Films in different categories**

###### **1. Best Mobile film**

“Refugee-ism” - Finn Harvor, Korea, 2018, 2'36”

## 2. Best animation

“Aesop’s Fables” - Dinos Theodosiou, Greece, 2020, 20'

## 3. Best Music Dance short film

“Red lion” – Olivia Hadjiioannou, Greece, 2019, 5'22”

## 4. Nostimon Imar Award (concerns directors of Greek origin who live abroad)

“Nia on vacation” – Cat Papademetriou, USA, 2019, 85’84”

## 5. Best Experimental/Art film

“Black White” - Alexis Rummler, Greece, 2019, 5'32”

## **B) Short Documentaries**

Best Short Documentary about tradition

The award is shared to

“Blessings and Vows” – Katerina Zacharia, Greece, 2018, 14'54”

and

“From the grain to bread... as old times” – Nikos Stasinopoulos & Eleni Moydaki, Greece, 2018, 14'54”

## 2. Best Feature Documentary

“Remembering: The Maurits Kiek Story” - Cheryl Halpern, Mitchell Stuart & Alex Dolginko, USA, 2019, 53’

## **C) Best "We Can Do" - This award concerns persons with special needs/tasks**

“Swept away” - Thomas Grascoeu, USA/France, 2018, 11'58”

## **D) Short Films Awards**

### 1. Best Greek short film award

“Godot came” - Lefteris Tsatsis, Greece, 2019, 15'

- Honorary mention

“Check In” – Konstantinos Stragalinos, Greece, 2018, 19'59”

- Honorary mention

“Transition” - Vassiliki Tavla, Greece, 2017, 14'50”

2. Best short story award: “Paint Brush”- LiKang & WangJie, China, 2020, 21'

3. Best Short Film in the international competition

“Don't forget to breathe” - Darwin Reina, Spain, 2018, 11'

- Honorary mention

“Overwrite” - Po Ka-Wai, Hong Kong, 2019, 9'5”

**E)** This year the International Film Festival of Peloponnese BRIDGES honors

**α. The Female Director Award** goes to Magdalena Chmielewska, “Heaven's Meadow” - Austria, 2018, 29'

**β.** Honorary mention

Tzanetos Komineas, editor, “Kostas Tsakonas: He was always laughing” by Thodoros Maragos

**F)** Audience award: “Megaro” - Bill Kalemios, Greece, 2020, 20'

**G)** Script contest

1. “Desposyni” by Jean Galliano – USA / feature script
2. “Generations - Letter From An Old Father To His Son” by Kevin Starnino – Canada / short script
3. “Sugar Cube” by Radoslav Stoyanov – Austria / short script

## **B' PART**

### **GOLDEN PEGASUS AWARDS**

Ten feature films compete for the «Golden Pegasos» award.

1. “Dam Wall” – Vedanti Chandrakant Dani, India, 2019, 94'
2. “I, Father” – Mark Norfolk, mUnited Kingdom, 2018, 90'42”
3. “Nia on vacation” – Cat Papadimitriou, USA, 2019, 88'
4. “Lorik” – Alexey Zlobin, Armenia & Russia, 2018, 95'
5. “Phoenix Romance” – Youxue-Thomas Chen & Yuan-Ann Chen,,China, 2017, 85'
6. “Dance and Love” – Cui Daihong, China, 2019, 106'41”

7. "Mother Cabrini" – Daniela Gurrieri, Italy, 2018, 99'
8. "Amanogawa – The One I've Longed" – Shun Konii, Japan, 93'16"
9. "A night in Hell" – Nikos Kourou, Greece, 2018, 82'
10. "The Shepherd" – Illés László, Hungary, 2010, 90'

This year's VIP Jury is consisted of:

1. Vivek Singhania- producer, screenwriter, director from India
2. George F Roberson- producer from the USA
3. Petra Terzi– director and producer from Greece

#### 1. Best cinematography in a feature film

Nominations

1. Elizabeth Cassinelli for "Nia on Vacation" - USA
2. Illés László for "The Shepherd"- Hungary
3. Youxue-Thomas Chen & Yuan-Ann Chen for "Phoenix Romance" - China

Best cinematography in a feature film

Elizabeth Cassinelli for "Nia on Vacation" - USA

#### 2. Best actor in a leading role in a feature film

Nominations

1. Michael Poghosyan for "Lorik" - Armenia & Russia
2. Swanand Shelke for "Dam in Wall" - India
3. Lefteris Liakopoulos for "Nia on Vacation" - USA

Best actor in a leading role in a feature film

Michael Poghosyan for "Lorik" - Armenia & Russia

#### 3. Best actor in a supporting role in a feature film

Nominations

1. Besim Ajeti for “I, Father” – United Kingdom
2. Ákos Horváth for “The Shepherd” – Hungary
3. Marc Goodman for “Phoenix Romance” – China

Best actor in a supporting role in a feature film

Marc Goodman for “Phoenix Romance” – China

5. Best actress in a leading role in a feature film

Nominations

1. Momoko Fukuchi for “Amanogawa – The One I’ve Longed” – Japan
2. “Phoenix Romance” – China
3. “Dance and Love” – China

Best actress in a leading role in a feature film

Momoko Fukuchi for “Amanogawa – The One I’ve Longed” – Japan

6. Best actress in a supporting role in a feature film

Nominations

1. Irene Ayvazyan for “Lorik” – Armenia & Russia
2. Chiara Catalano for “Mother Cabrini” – Italy
3. “Phoenix Romance” – China

Best actress in a supporting role in a feature film

Chiara Catalano for “Mother Cabrini” – Italy

7. Best editing in a feature film

Nominations

1. Xu Jing for “Dance and Love” - China
2. Tigran Baghinyan for “Lorik, Armenia & Russia
3. Youxue-Thomas Chen & Yuan-Ann Chen for “Phoenix Romance” – China

Best editing in a feature film

Xu Jing for “Dance and Love” - China

## 8. Best script in a feature film

### Nominations

1. Vedanti Chandrakant Dani for “Dam Wall” – India
2. Cat Papadimitriou for “Nia on vacation” – USA
3. Michael Poghosyan, Alexey Zlobin, Maria Sahakyan for “Lorik” - Armenia & Russia

### Best script in a feature film

Michael Poghosyan, Alexey Zlobin, Maria Sahakyan for “Lorik” – Armenia & Russia

## 9. Best production design in a feature film

### Nominations

1. Martiros Minasyan & Michael Poghosyan for “Lorik” – Armenia & Russia
2. Archana Dani for “Dam Wall” – India
3. Fabio Carini & Daniela Gurrieri for “Mother Cabrini” – Italy

### Best production design in a feature film

Martiros Minasyan & Michael Poghosyan for “Lorik” – Armenia & Russia

## 10. Best sets/costumes in a feature film

### Nominations

1. Daniela Gurrieri for “Mother Cabrini” – Italy
2. Cui Daihong for “Dance and Love” – China
3. Vedanti Chandrakant Dani for “Dam Wall” – India

### Best sets/costumes in a feature film

Cui Daihong for “Dance and Love” – China

## 11. Best original score in a feature film

### Nominations

1. Liu Sijun for "Dance and Love"- China
2. Arthur Valentin Grósz for "The Shepherd" – Hungary
3. Shun Konii for "Amanogawa – The One I've Longed" – Japan

### Best original score in a feature film

Liu Sijun for "Dance and Love"- China

## 12. Best director in a feature film

### Nominations

1. Cat Papademetriou for "Nia on vacation" – USA
2. Vedanti Chandrakant Dani for "Dam Wall" – India
3. Youxue-Thomas Chen & Yuan-Ann Chen for "Phoenix Romance" – China

Best director in a feature film award is shared to:

a. Cat Papademetriou for "Nia on vacation" – USA

and

b. Vedanti Chandrakant Dani for "Dam Wall – India

## 13. The GOLDEN PEGASUS award goes to the feature film

"Nia on vacation – Cat Papadimitriou, USA, 2019, 88'