

Durban International Film Festival wraps up

Representatives of the judging panels at the Durban International Film Festival announced the winners in a variety of categories. High praise for the festival selection came from the international jury which included Simon Field (ex-Rotterdam festival), Dorothee Wenner (Berlin festival), as well as respected South Africans Martin Botha, John Matshikiza and Teboho Mahlatsi.

Awards were given to:

Best Film

LET THE WIND BLOW

directed by Partho Sen Gupta

Best Direction

ANDREY ZVYAGINTSEV

for The Return

Best Cinematography

GIULLIO BICCARI

for Forgiveness

Best Screenplay

JULIE BERTUCCELLI and BERNARD RENUCCI

for Since Otar Left

Best Actor

MEHDI MORADY

for his performance in Abjad

Best Actress

ESTHER GORINTIN, NINO KHOMASSOURIDZE, DINARA DROUKAROVA

for their performances in Since Otar Left

Audience Choice Best Film

FORGIVENESS

directed by Ian Gabriel

Best First Feature Film
THE TRIPLETS OF BELVILLE
directed by Sylvain Chomet

Best South African Feature Film
Shared between
WOODEN CAMERA
directed by Ntshaveni wa Luruli
and
Best South African Feature Film
FORGIVENESS
directed by Ian Gabriel

Best Documentary Film
THE FIVE OBSTRUCTIONS
directed by Lars von Trier and Jorgen Leth

Best South African Documentary Film
Project 10 - Real stories from a free South Africa - BEING PAVAROTTI
directed by Odette Geldenhuys

Best Short Film
THIEF OF BAGHDAD
directed by Diane Nerwan

Best South African Short Film
IVORY MASK
Directed by Lehlohonolo 'Shaft' Moropane

Special Mention
DISTANT
Directed by Nuri Bilge Ceylan

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