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Winners of balkan black box film festival 2006

About balkan black box

So far, balkan black box is the only German festival for film, music, exhibition, literature and debates from and about Southeastern Europe. The post-socialist Balkan states represent for a high number of people in Western Europe still a "black box", i.e. the inside world of these countries seems to be mysterious. The festivals' major concern is thus to open this box and to present the Balkans in a differentiated and, sometimes, polemical way.

bbb film festival

- The "golden black box" film prize will be awarded for the third time for the best feature film, documentary, and short film.
- For the first time, the "human rights award" and "newcomer" prize will be awarded.
- Alltogether, 38 films took part in at least one of the five competitions. All eight postsocialist countries from Southeast Europe as well as UNMIK Kosovo were present at bbb2006. The full listings of the competing films can be seen at the festival website.
- So far, about 2.000 visitors visited the three cinemas screening bbb films.
- The award ceremony will take place on Saturday, 25.11.06, 7pm at cinema "babylon berlin:mitte". Photos of the ceremony will be provided afterwards on our website www.balkanblackbox.de

The winners of bbb film awards

golden black box feature:

- Winner (1000 Euro): "<u>The Paper will be Blue</u>" by Radu Muntean, 95 Min, Rumänien 2006
- Special Mention: "Lady Zee" by Georgi Djulgerov, 96 Min, Bulgarien 2005
- Competition: 11 feature films

golden black box documentary:

- Winner (500 Euro) "Posle rata After the War" by Srdjan Keca, 42 Min, Serbia 2005
- Special Mention: "<u>The Shutka Book of Records</u>" by Aleksandar Manic, 78 Min, Serbia/Czech Republic/Finland 2005
- competition: 15 documentaries

golden black box short:

- golden black box docu-short: "Great Expectations/ Velika očekivanja" by Renata Poljak, 17 Min., F/HR 2005
- golden black box short fiction: "Aleph" by Borjan Zafirovski, 15 Min., MK 2005
- competition: 7 short films

Human Rights Award:

- Winner (500 Euro): "<u>Die Amateure und der General</u>" by Helge Cramer, 99 Min., BiH/D 2005
- Special Mentions: "<u>The Children of 1948/ Decata od 1948</u>" by Suzana Dinevski, 30 Min., MK 2004 und "<u>Does Anyone Have a Plan</u>" by Lode Desment, 58/86 Min., Kosovo 2005
- competition: 11 documentaries, feature and shortfilms

golden black box newcomer:

- Winner: "Made in Serbia" by Mladen Dordevic, 97 Min, Serbien 2005
- competition: 10 documentaries, feature and shortfilms

In case of questions or interest in contacts, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours, Timm Köhler