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Berlinale 2012: Crystal Bears in the *Generation 14plus*

The members of the Youth Jury in the *Generation 14plus*

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give the following awards:

Crystal Bear for the Best Feature Film: *Lal Gece*

by Reis Çelik, Turkey 2011

We were deeply touched by the brilliant actors in this year's winning film. They let us take part in the feelings of two people who are imprisoned by family traditions which do not leave them any space for their own decision making and needs. We were especially impressed by the film's setting - a room where the drama unfolds. Just as for the couple, it is impossible for the audience to leave it.

Special Mention Feature Film: *Kronjuvelerna*

by Ella Lemhagen, Sweden 2011

Friendship, love, family, the divide between poor and rich, disabilities and sickness were only a few of the Themes flowing effortlessly into one another in this complex and many-layered Film.

The fairytale style does not in any way detract from the dramatic sequence of events. The great acting brought forth the entire Spectrum of Emotions, from which the Audience had no escape. This film touched us deeply. A real Masterpiece!

Crystal Bear for the Best Short Film: *Meathead*

by Sam Holst, New Zealand 2011

The film shows us, just in a few minutes, the radical path from childhood to adulthood. Using authentic images the film portrays the rituals of a closed community which you cannot escape from. The film exemplifies peer pressure and social pressure which can be found in all societies. For us, it has all the qualities necessary for a great short film.

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Special Mention Short Film: 663114

by Isamu Hirabayashi, Japan 2011

Visuals and Sound melded together flawlessly to create a philosophical and layered masterpiece. The director conveys his message, beyond all conventions. Through a simple metaphor he portrays the survival of a culture, even in the face of catastrophe.

Award ceremony and screening of the winning film tonight at 7.30 p.m. at Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Cinema 1.

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