

Press Release



Berlinale 2008: Crystal Bears in the *Generation14plus*

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

Roman Akbar
Zadora Enste
Hans Hirsch
Nora Kubach
Zoë Martin
Linda Moog
Lavan Vasuthevan

give the following awards:

The Crystal Bear for the best feature-length film goes to
The Black Balloon by Elissa Down (Australia)

We were very moved by the close to life story portraying the everyday life of an extraordinary family in this film. We were especially impressed by the way in which joyous and serious moments were expertly interwoven, and also by the actors' excellent performances.

The Crystal Bear for the best short film goes to
Café com Leite by Daniel Ribeiro (Brasil)

This year's best short film impressed us with its portrayal of a different kind of patchwork family, with its three likable characters who, despite their heavy loss, don't lose their warm-heartedness.

A special mention goes to
Sita sings the Blues by Nina Paley (USA)

Certain stories can be re-told forever, even over thousands of years. This innovative and unique film has impressed us with its boundless creativity and irresistible charm.

A special mention goes to ***Take 3*** by Roseanne Liang (New Zealand)

The three charismatic actresses and the fresh and wacky approach communicated with great ease by this film inspired us immensely.

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