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Berlinale Generation Kplus: The Crystal Bears and the Prizes of the Deutsches Kinderhilfswerk

The *Generation's* eleven-member Children's Jury of the *Kplus* competition programme of the 57th Berlin International Film Festival awards the ***Crystal Bear for Best Feature Film*** as well as the ***Crystal Bear for Best Short Film*** and ***Special Mentions*** to the following films:

The Crystal Bear for Best Feature Film DEK HOR (Dorm) by Songyos Sugmakanan, Thailand

"This film depicts with unbelievable tension how a close friendship is possible between two boys from different worlds. This film is very special, not least due to the convincing actors."

A Special Mention MUKHSIN by Yasmin Ahmad, Malaysia

The Crystal Bear for Best Short Film MENGED by Daniel Taye Workou, Ethiopia/Germany

"This short film tells an unusual story of a father-son-relationship. We especially liked the underlying morals and its humorous presentation."

A Special Mention LAND GEWINNEN by Marc Brummund, Germany

The members of the Children's Jury, who are between the ages of eleven and 14 were: ***Can Deniz Binici, Sandra Botzet, Liliann Fischer, Maimouna Guirassy, Maxim Michaelis, Anita Oberlin, Mara Ohlhoff, Sammy Steward, Paul Trabhardt, Ngoc Diep Lila Tran, Moritz Wagner.***

The five-member ***International Jury*** of the ***Generation*** of the 57th Berlin International Film Festival Berlin awards the ***Grand Prix of the Deutsches Kinderhilfswerk***, endowed with 7,500 euros, as well as the ***Special Prize of the Deutsches Kinderhilfswerk***, endowed with 2,500 euros, to the following films:

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The Grand Prix of the Deutsches Kinderhilfswerk MUKHSIN by Yasmin Ahmad, Malaysia

"A wonderful, almost magical atmosphere, enhanced by a striking soundtrack. Poetic images of the closeness of a family and community. A witty script combined with well-rounded and humorous characters: All this in a story of a friendship that daren't cross into love, and a love for which friendship is no longer enough."

A Special Mention: DEK HOR (Dorm) by Songyos Sugmakanan, Thailand

The Special Prize of the Deutsches Kinderhilfswerk: LAND GEWINNEN by Marc Brummund, Germany

"A father runs the risk of losing everything in order to grant the single wish of his son to attend a local school in this tale that touches on the difficulties of life for foreign visitors to the western world. By overcoming his own fears, he can successfully address the one and only fear of the child: not to belong. The Deutsches Kinderhilfswerk Special Prize goes to a heart-rending movie that successfully balances exceptional cinematography, editing and outstanding lead performances."

A Special Mention: DRENGEN I KUFFERTEN (Having a Brother) by Esben Toft Jacobsen, Denmark

The members of the International Jury of the *Generation* were:
Sitora Alieva, Reza Bagher, Justin Johnson, Leontine Petit, Andreas Steinhöfel

The award ceremony was held earlier today, on February 17 at 3.30 p.m. in the Zoo Palast.

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