

Press Release



Award Winners of the Berlinale Shorts

The members of the International Short Film Jury

Marc Barbé (France)
Ada Solomon (Romania)
Laura Tonke (Germany)

award the following prizes:

The Golden Bear to
O zi bună de plajă
by Bogdan Mustață (Romania)

The film raises questions about its issues rather than bring resolution to them. It does so in a very precise and unpredictable way. We feel that it is one of the most precious things when a film stays with you and keeps unravelling long after the final credits have ended.

The Silver Bear to
Udedh bun
by Siddharth Sinha (India)

The Silver Bear goes to *Udedh bun* for its modern narration. A sharp focus that relies on a harmony between images and sound rather than words. We are also sensitive to the new erotica brought to the traditional figure of the desired woman in the history of cinema.

Prix UIP to
Frankie
by Darren Thornton (Ireland)

A simple and powerful approach. The straight forward point of view of a working class teenager on love, responsibility and fatherhood. We also want to re-encourage the director in developing his project of short films for young makers.

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DAAD Short Film Prize
B teme
by Olga Popova (Russian Federation)

We feel this film achieves a physical and sensual intimacy with its subjects without ever violating the secret of this intimacy. We wish to encourage the director's talent as a filmmaker.

And two **Special Mentions** to

A special mention for directing goes to a film for its precise and sensitive direction on a topic which otherwise would have felt politically correct. ***Superficie*** by Rui Xavier.

A special mention for a very contemporary gesture in animation in a wonderful nasty sense of humour goes to ***RGB XYZ*** by David O'Reilly.

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