



Press Release

Award winners of the *Berlinale Shorts* 2009

The members of the International Short Film Jury Khavn de la Cruz (Philippines), Arta Dobroschi (Kosovo) and Lars Henrik Gass (Germany) award the following prizes:

The Golden Bear to
Please Say Something
by David O'Reilly (Ireland)

A film which gave us lots of emotion, sensitivity and much to think about. A very humane story. With characters who made us laugh and feel sad at the same time.

The Silver Bear to
Jade
by Daniel Elliott (Great Britain)

The jury was taken by the individual drama of a young woman and by the condensed form of the film. A subtle story which captured us from its innocent beginning till its open end.

DAAD Short Film Prize
The Illusion
by Susana Barriga (Cuba)

Showing spaces instead of faces, this video diary courageously confronts the irretrievable past. A very personal form of cinema, which succeeds in painting an autobiographical landscape of loss.

Berlinale Short Film Nominee for the European Film Awards 2009
Die Leiden des Herrn Karpf. Der Geburtstag
by Lola Randl (Germany)

A documentary or fiction - it doesn't really matter. It contains a way of acting which is both intelligent and simple. A movie dealing with individual problems which are presented in artistic form.

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And two „Special Mentions“ to
VU
by Leila Albayaty

The film illustrates the self-discovery of two women while providing the poetry of an urban space.

contre-jour
by
Christoph Girardet and Matthias Müller

Defying convention and expectation, this abstract found footage film is a powerful sensory machine that lets the viewer experience blindness and see what is not there.

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