THE CROSSING Wins EFA Young Audience Award 2021

3,600 Young Jurors From 38 Countries Elect Norwegian Film by Johanne Helgeland

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the originally planned theatre screenings had to be cancelled in almost all participating countries. The 12-14-year-old jury members watched the three nominated films online on the YAA website, had the opportunity to talk about the films in online discussions moderated by film educators and then cast their votes online. Moderated again by former YAA jury member Ivana Noa, the 30-minute awards ceremony was streamed live on yaa.europeanfilmawards.eu where it remains available for those who missed it.

The director Johanne Helgeland thanked the European Film Academy and all the young film lovers as well as her collaborators. She congratulated the other nominated films and stated: “All three films show that we need compassionate films for kids – You are our future!”
The EFA Young Audience Award is organised and presented by the European Film Academy and EFA Productions with the support of Mitteldeutsche Medienförderung (MDM). The national YAA events are organised with the support of the respective national partners.

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The EFA Young Audience Award 2021 was realised with the following partners:

AUSTRALIA: Asia Pacific Screen Awards
AUSTRIA: Austrian Film Academy
BELGIUM: Filem’On & JEF - The European Youth Film Festival
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA: Sarajevo Film Festival
BULGARIA: Sofia Art Fest
CROATIA: Zagreb Film Festival
CYPRUS: Cyprus Film Days For Children and Youth
CZECH REPUBLIC: Krutón, z.s. & Int'l Film Festival for Children and Youth JUNIORFEST
DENMARK: UCN, Centre for Educational Recources & DaBUF - The Association of Danish Filmclubs for Children & Youth
ESTONIA: NGO Filmiõpe
FRANCE: Les Arcs Film Festival & Cinéma Lux le Buisson
GEORGIA: Taoba Int'l Youth Film Festival
GERMANY: Intl. Film Festival Schlingel (Chemnitz), German Children’s Media Foundation Golden Sparrow (Erfurt), Vision Kino & Filmuniversität Babelsberg (Potsdam)
GREECE: Hellenic Film Academy, Athens International Children’s Film Festival (ATHICFF), CineDok Kids & Olympia IFF for Children and Young People
GREENLAND: Film.gl
HUNGARY: National Film Institute Hungary
ICELAND: Icelandic Film Centre
IRELAND: Irish Film Institute (Dublin) & Junior Film Fleadh (Galway)
ITALY: Niels Stensen Cultural Foundation (Florence), Circuito Cinema Scuole (Genoa), Alice nella città (Rome), The National Museum of Cinema (Turin)
KOSOVO: DokuFest
LATVIA: National Film Centre of Latvia
LITHUANIA: Lithuanian Film Centre
LUXEMBOURG: Luxembourg City Film Festival
MALTA: Creative Europe Desk Malta & Spazju Kreattiv
MONTENEGRO: Podgorica Film Festival & Film Centre of Montenegro
NORTH MACEDONIA: North Macedonia Film Agency
NORWAY: Kristiansand Int'l Children’s Film Festival
POLAND: International Young Audience Film Festival Ale Kino! (Poznan), Podkarpackie Film Commission (Rzeszow), New Horizons Cinema (Wroclaw), Gdynia Film Centre (Gdynia), Akademia MDP & Cinema in Sneakers (Gdansk & Warsaw)
PORTUGAL: Portuguese Academy of Film & ICA
ROMANIA: EducaTIFF & Romanian Film Promotion
RUSSIA: Pioneer Cinema
SERBIA: Free Zone Festival
SLOVAKIA: Visegrad Film Forum
SLOVENIA: Otok
SPAIN: Filmoteca de Catalunya with the collaboration of Acadèmia del Cinema Català (Barcelona) & Seville European Film Festival
SWITZERLAND: CASTELLINARIA - Festival del cinema giovane (Bellinzona) & Jugendfilmtage (Zurich)
TURKEY: Yapimlab
UK: British Film Institute (London)
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