

Czech films won 2 jury prizes at the KVIFF 2021

Czech cinema was awarded two jury prizes within the Karlovy Vary International Film Festival's closing ceremony. Erika Hníková received the Special Jury Prize of the Crystal Globe Competition for her documentary *Every Single Minute*, and Adéla Komrzý was honored with the Special Jury Mention of the East of the West Competition for her documentary *Intensive Life Unit*. The film was also awarded the non-statutory Fedora Jury Special Mention. Moreover, the Právo Audience Award went to *Zatopek* by David Ondříček. All three films have been backed by the Czech Film Fund.

Czech documentary *Every Single Minute* received the Special Jury Prize at the Crystal Globe Competition of the Karlovy Vary International Film Festival 2021. The film follows a couple who spend every minute raising their 4-years-old son to one day become a successful athlete and a "quality human being" in all senses of the word. The film is produced by Jiří Konečný of endorfilm and directed by Erika Hníková.

Established documentary director Hníková caught the attention of critics with *Matchmaking Mayor* (2010), a situational documentary film about a village mayor playing matchmaker for local singles in their thirties. For this documentary, Hníková received nominations for both Czech Lion Awards and Czech Film Critics Awards.

The Special Mention of the East of the West Competition was handed over to Adéla Komrzý for her documentary *Intensive Life Unit* - a drama with elements of absurdity about how doctors and patients in our technologically advanced civilization relearn how to communicate about something as basic as death - that was long ago crowded out.

The producer of the film is Pavla Janoušková Kubečková of the young and ambitious independent company nutprodukce. The film also received the non-statutory Fedora Jury Special Mention at the KVIFF.

With the Právo Audience Award was honored a brand-new film by David Ondříček, *Zatopek* - about eighteen world records holder, runner Emil Zátopek, who is most famous for the Olympic Games in Helsinki, where he won three gold medals.

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