

Czech Lion Awards 2020: Charlatan wins Best Feature Film

Charlatan is the main winner of the Czech Lion Awards 2020. A drama, directed by Agnieszka Holland and produced by Šárka Cimbalová & Kevan Van Thompson, won Best Feature Film, Best Director and three more awards. Six Czech Lions belong to *Shadow Country*, Best Documentary Feature award went to *Caught in the Net* and the very first ever Best Animated Film is *A Colourful Dream*.

Czech Film and Television Academy (CFTA), in cooperation with Czech Television, organized a special gala broadcasting from Prague's Rudolfinum on Saturday. The most successful film of the evening was *Charlatan* which won five Czech Lions. The award for **Best Feature Film** was handed over to producers Šárka Cimbalová and Kevan Van Thompson of Marlene Film Production. World-famous auteur Agnieszka Holland could not travel to Prague and thanked the Academy remotely for the **Best Director** award. Her drama inspired by the true story of herbalist Jan Mikolášek was also awarded prizes for **Actor in a Leading Role**, portrayed by Ivan Trojan, **Best Cinematography** and **Best Sound**.

The evening had slightly bittersweet undertone for cast and crew behind black-and-white drama *Shadow Country* because it was honored with the most Czech Lions, six, but did not get the most important one. Ivan Arsenjev received the award for **Best Screenplay**, Magdaléna Borová was awarded **Best Actress in a Leading Role**, and the film also scored in categories **Best Film Editing**, **Best Music**, **Best Actress in a Supporting Role** and **Best Costumes**.

The prize for **Best Documentary Feature** went to Vít Klusák and Filip Remunda, producers of *Caught in the Net*, a social experiment opening the hitherto taboo topic of online child abuse. And for the first time, CFTA also announced winners of newly-formed categories **Best Animated Film** and **Best Short Film**. The awards went to Jan Balej's *A Colourful Dream* and *Anatomy of a Czech Afternoon* by Adam Martinec, respectively.

Martinec's short social drama *Anatomy of a Czech Afternoon* also won the non-statutory **Magnesia Award for the Best Student Film**, which is presented by CFTA in cooperation with Mattoni 1873 and the Czech Film Fund. Czech Film Center, the division of the Fund, traditionally took care of the pre-selection of films for this category.

[Full list of winners:](#)

BEST FEATURE FILM

Charlatan – producers Šárka Cimbalová, Kevan Van Thompson

BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

Caught in the Net – director Barbora Chalupová, Vít Klusák – producers Vít Klusák, Filip Remunda

BEST DIRECTOR

Charlatan – Agnieszka Holland

BEST ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE

Shadow Country – Magdaléna Borová

BEST ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE

Charlatan – Ivan Trojan

BEST ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

Shadow Country – Petra Špalková

BEST ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

Droneman – Jiří Mádl

BEST SCREENPLAY

Shadow Country – Ivan Arsenjev

BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY

Charlatan – Martin Štrba

BEST FILM EDITING

Shadow Country – Jan Daňhel

BEST SOUND

Charlatan – Radim Hladík jr.

BEST MUSIC

Shadow Country – Jakub Kudláč

BEST STAGE DESIGN

Maria Theresa – Martin Kurel

BEST COSTUMES

Shadow Country – Zuzana Bambušek Krejzková

BEST MAKEUP AND HAIRSTYLING

Havel – Adriana Bartošová, René Stejskal

BEST TELEVISION FILM OR MINISERIES

Actor – main producers Rastislav Šesták, Peter Bebjak, Kateřina Ondřejková – main maker Peter Bebjak, Petr Bok

BEST TELEVISION SERIES

Rats – main producers Viktor Tauš, Jan Lekeš – main makers Viktor Tauš, Matěj Chlupáček, Miro Šifra

BEST ANIMATED FILM

A Colourful Dream – director, producer, designer Jan Balej

BEST SHORT FILM

Anatomy of a Czech Afternoon – director Adam Martinec – producer Matěj Paclík

HONORARY AWARD FOR UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION TO THE CZECH FILM

Hynek Bočan

MAGNESIA AWARD FOR THE BEST STUDENT FILM – non-statutory award

Anatomy of a Czech Afternoon – director Adam Martinec

BEST FILM POSTER - non-statutory award

Shadow Country - Jan Poukar - awarded poster

AWARD OF FILM FANS - non-statutory award

Caught in the Net – Barbora Chalupová, Vít Klusák (awarded directors)

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