



ECFA Documentary Award 2022

SKOLEN VED HAVET

by Solveig Melkeraaen

Jury Statement

We are witnessing Thorvin and Tilde, who are facing a big change when their very small school is closing. We are charmed and intrigued by the two young protagonists, who are telling us a political story from their perspective, giving us their thoughts, ideas, and worries.

The director uses a lot of different cinematic techniques, but still keeping the film at eye level with the young audience. For example, by playing what can be seen inside a frame and what cannot while telling how Thorvin and Tilde go through sadness, hope, optimism and courage. They are always surrounded by supportive grown-ups, but still have to make their way on their own. A powerful and touching documentary.

Therefore, the award goes to **SKOLEN VED HAVET** by Solveig Melkeraaen.