



Press Release

ECFA Documentary Award for „Apollo Javakheti“ (GE 2017) by Bakar Cherkezishvili

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*“We were deeply impressed by the honest and authentic way the main protagonist is portrayed by the filmmaker. In a poetic and strikingly coherent manner the film's form is always guided by the protagonist.”
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„Apollo Javakheti“ (16 min) by the Georgian director Bakar Cherkezishvili is the winner of the ECFA Documentary Award, which was presented for its third time at doxs!. The European Children's Film Association (ECFA) honoured the best European Children documentary at the award ceremony in Duisburg.

The award-winning film focuses on a boy living with his mother under simple conditions in the Georgian countryside and who is determined to become an astronaut and fly to the moon. What he lacks in means and resources he makes up with his great imagination.

“Having both feet on the ground, while the head is in the clouds – the film we like to award tells the protagonist's reality of life equally next to his lifelong dream.” “Apollo Javakheti” evokes, as the jury continues, “a sense of wonder, which is cinema at its best and even reveals itself audibly in projections with children.”

The three-member jury consisted of Stefan Huber (Austria) and Felix Vanginderhuysen (Belgium), two representatives of over 100 ECFA-membership organisations and Berlin-based filmmaker Joya Thome (Germany). The expert jury had the choice between ten nominated films that were programmed during the festival in the age group 6 to 12.

The *doxs!* festival was founded in 2002 as the children and youth section of the Duisburger Filmwoche and shows documentary films that are creative, intelligent and approach young people on eye level. In addition to the ECFA Documentary Award the GROSSE KLAPPE film prize was handed out for the eighth time. This award honours political children and youth documentaries and is donated by the German Federal Agency for Civic Education.

The detailed jury statement, printable visual material of the award-winning films and photos of the ceremony (as of 9th November, 1 p.m.) are available on our website at www.do-xs.de/presse.html

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