

PROTOCOL FROM THE MEETING OF THE JURY
THE 34th INTERNATIONAL THEATRICAL FESTIVAL VALISE
ŁOMŻA 10-13 JUNE 2021

Jury members:

Joanna Gerigk /chairperson/
Bożena Sawicka
Ewa Sokół-Malesza
Zbigniew Krzywański
Jarosław Perszko

Having watched seventeen performances in the competition :

1. "Concrete" by Miejski Teatr Miniatura (Gdańsk)
2. "A tale of three horses" by Teatr Animacji from Poznań
3. "Love machine" by Ornan Braier (Israel)
4. "Goodbye" by Ljubljana Puppet Theatre (Slovenia)
5. "Einstein's Olanet" by Teatr Lalki i Aktora "Kubuś" (Kielce)
6. "Poem without words" by Grodno Puppet Theatre (Belarus)
7. "2062" by Karla Kracht & Andrés Beladiez (Spain)
8. "Legends of Warsaw" by Teatr Lalka (Warsaw)
9. "Coco Chanel" by Ulrike Quade Company (the Netherlands)
10. "Rutka" by Teatr Lalek Arlekin im. H. Ryla from Łódź
11. "The journey of Sofia" by S. A. Marionetas (Portugal)
12. "The enchanted mountain" by Kaunas State Puppet Theatre (Lithuania)
13. "Tevli station" by Khabarovsk State Regional Puppet Theatre (Russia)
14. "Łysek z pokładu Idy" by Śląski Teatr Lalki i Aktora Ateneum (Katowice)
15. "Can you whistle, Johanna?" by Teatr Lalek Guliwer (Warsaw)
16. "Tic Toc – The hero of time" by Omar Alvarez Titeres Puppetry Arts Company (Argentina)
17. "Ubu King" by Dezorz Puppet Theatre (Slovakia)

The Jury awards the following prizes:

The Grand Prize of 4,000 PLN, funded by the President of Łomża is awarded to "2062" by Karla Kracht & Andrés Beladiez (Spain).

A prize of 3,000 PLN, funded by the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage is awarded to Ulrike Quade and Jo Strømghren for directing "Coco Chanel" by Ulrike Quade Company (the Netherlands).

A prize of 3,000 PLN, funded by the Marshall of Podlaskie Voivodship is awarded to Marika Wojciechowska for the set design of "Rutka" by Teatr Lalek Arlekin im. H. Ryla from Łódź.

A prize of 3,000 PLN, funded by the Governor of Łomża Municipality is awarded to "Kapela ze Wsi Warszawa" for the music to "A tale of three horses" by Teatr Animacji from Poznań.

A collective actor award of 1,000 PLN, funded by the Head of Łomża District is presented to Khabarovsk State Regional Puppet Theatre (Russia) for the performance in "Tevli station".

A collective actor award of 1,000 PLN, funded by the Head of Łomża District is presented to Anna Przygoda-Budna and Tomasz Kowol for the performance in “Can you whistle, Johanna?” by Teatr Lalek Guliwer (Warsaw).

Two equal actor awards of 500 PLN, funded by the Head of Łomża District are presented to Katarzyna Pałka and Teresa Kowalik for the performance in “Rutka” by Teatr Lalek Arlekin im. H. Ryla from Łodź.

A special award – an engraving funded by the Voivode of Podlasie is awarded to Śląski Teatr Lalki i Aktora Ateneum (Katowice) for the performance “Łysek z pokładu Idy” directed by Konrad Dworakowski.

The now-finished 34th edition of the International Theatrical Festival “Valise” showed that it is possible to return to theatrical life during the pandemics. Thanks to the efforts of the organizers, from 10th to 13th of June 2021, having met all the current sanitary restrictions, the viewers and members of the Jury could watch 17 performances in the competition and a few accompanying shows.

For the first time, due to the current situation, the director Jarosław Antoniuk organized the festival in a hybrid form. The qualified Polish theatres performed in a traditional way, whereas the foreign ones were presented in a cinematic form. For the purpose of the festival, the foreign theatres recorded their performances, together with short presentations about themselves, their productions and creators, allowing the viewers to meet them prior to watching their performance. They could peek inside the theatres, watch fragments of rehearsals and listen to the artists.

This year’s edition was exceptionally rich and attractive. Children, adults and Jury could enjoy very high level of performances. Therefore, the verdict was reached only after a heated debate.

The Jury would like to thank the organizers, everybody working at the festival, favorable authorities, the participants and an amazing audience for an unforgettable atmosphere of the festival.

Łomża, 13rd of July, 2021

Signatures of jury members:

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