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CROSSING EUROPE FILM FESTIVAL LINZ 2009 AWARD CEREMONY:

MAHMUT FAZIL COSKUN wins the European Competition and receives the **CROSSING EUROPE Award European Competition 2009** for **UZAK IHTIMAL/WRONG ROSARY**.

RUBEN ÖSTLUND receives a Special Mention for **DE OFRIVILLIGA/INVOLUNTARY**.

The ray Audience Award goes to Alexis Dos Santos for **UNMADE BEDS**.

The **CROSSING EUROPE Award Local Artist** is this year split into a cash prize and a non-cash prize and awarded to MARTIN MUSIC for **DRAUF** and Harald Hund & Paul Horn for **DROPPING FURNITURE**; a **Special Mention** goes to Steinerkirchen secondary modern school for **ROMEO UND JULIA (FRANZ UND ROSI)**.

The CROSSING EUROPE Award 2009 European Competition powered by Linz 2009 European Capital of Culture, endowed with 10,000 euro, goes to **UZAK IHTIMAL/WRONG ROSARY** (TR, 2009) by Turkish director **MAHMUT FAZIL COSKUN**. The jury – Ludmila Cvikova (NL/SK), Tudor Giurgiu (RO), Nikolaj Nikitin (DE/RU), Alexandra Seitz (DE) und Seyfi Teoman (TR) – honoured Mahmut Fazil Coskun for its delicate and sensitive way of portraying the possibility of love between two human beings from different worlds, being apart and yet so close.

// UZAK IHTIMAL/WRONG ROSARY will be shown again on Sunday, 26 April at 8.30 p.m. at Movimiento. //

A **Special Mention** goes to the Swedish film **DE OFRIVILLIGA/INVOLUNTARY** (SE, 2008) by Ruben Östlund. The jury especially acknowledged “its original, edgy and compelling approach towards cinematic language”.

// DE OFRIVILLIGA/INVOLUNTARY will also be shown on Sunday, 26 April at 4 p.m. at Movimiento. //

UNMADE BEDS (GB, 2008) by **Alexis Dos Santos** has won the hearts of the audience and is awarded the ray Audience Award powered by ray film magazine, endowed with 5,000 euro. All members of the audience jury had the chance to win a trip to the Fantoche – International Festival for Animation Film in Baden/Switzerland in September 2009.

// UNMADE BEDS will be presented again on Sunday, 26 April at 10 p.m. at Movimiento. //

The **CROSSING EUROPE Award Local Artist** (6,000 euro) funded by the Federal Province of Upper Austria (4,000 euro) and Synchro Film- und Videobearbeitung (2,000 euro) is split this year. **Martin Music** receives the cash prize (4,000 euro) for **DRAUF**. The non-cash prize (2,000 euro) goes to the film **DROPPING FURNITURE** by **Harald Hund** and **Paul Horn**.

Furthermore the jury – Barbara Musil (A), Edith Stauber (A) and Hermann Greuel (NO) – has awarded a Special Mention to the animation film **ROMEO UND JULIA (Franz und Rosi)** by the **Steinerkirchen secondary modern school**.

All three award-winning Local Artists films will be shown on Sunday, 26 April at Movimiento: DRAUF in the LOCAL ARTISTS PROGRAMM 4 at 1.30 p.m.; DROPPING FURNITURE immediately after this programme, ROMEO UND JULIA (Franz und Rosi) as part of the LOCAL ARTISTS PROGRAMME 2 at 4 p.m..

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