

#### Press Release

# Berlinale 2018: The *Panorama* Audience Awards go to *Profile* and *The* Silence of Others

The public has cast its votes: the 20th *Panorama* Audience Awards go to *Profile* by Timur Bekmambetov for best fiction film and *The Silence of Others* by Almudena Carracedo and Robert Bahar for best documentary. The awards are presented by the Berlinale *Panorama* section in collaboration with radioeins and rbb television (Berlin-Brandenburg Broadcasting). The prizes for the voting audience are provided courtesy of Mastercard.

In *Profile*, a journalist investigating the recruitment of young women for ISIS falls under the spell of a Jihadist - a story entirely told on a computer screen. Director Timur Bekmambetov has previously been a guest of the *Berlinale Special* with his films *Night Watch* (2005) and *Day Watch* (2007). In the documentary *The Silence of Others*, directors Almudena Carracedo and Robert Bahar tackle the issue of justice in Spain, after a 1977 amnesty law prohibited the prosecution of the regime's perpetrators.

The official award ceremony will be held at 5 pm on Sunday, February 25, in CinemaxX 7 at Potsdamer Platz. The prizes will be awarded by rbb programme director Dr. Jan Schulte-Kellinghaus. Knut Elstermann, radioeins film expert, and *Panorama* head and curator Paz Lázaro will host the event. Directly after the ceremony, the winning fiction film will be shown. The *Panorama Dokumente* winner will be screened at 8 pm, also in CinemaxX 7.

The *Panorama* Audience Award has been given since 1999. Since 2011, not only the best fiction film but also the best documentary films have received awards. During the festival, moviegoers are asked to rate the films shown in *Panorama* on voting cards after the screenings. In 2018 a total of 26,000 votes were cast and counted.

This year *Panorama* presented 47 feature-length films from 40 countries, of which 20 screened in the *Panorama* Dokumente series.

## <u>Panorama Audience Award Winner - Fiction Film 2018</u> <u>Profile</u>

USA / United Kingdom / Cyprus / Russian Federation By Timur Bekmambetov

### <u>2nd place Panorama Audience Award - Fiction Film 2018</u> Styx

Germany / Austria By Wolfgang Fischer 68. Internationale Filmfestspiele Berlin 15. – 25.02.2018

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**L'Animale**Austria 2018
By Katharina Mueckstein

## Panorama Audience Award Winner - Panorama Dokumente 2018

The Silence of Others

USA / Spain By Almudena Carracedo, Robert Bahar

# 2nd place Panorama Audience Award - Panorama Dokumente 2018

Partisan

Germany

By Lutz Pehnert, Matthias Ehlert, Adama Ulrich

## <u>3rd place Panorama Audience Award - Panorama Dokumente 2018</u> O processo

Brazil / Germany / Netherlands By Maria Augusta Ramos

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