



Lux Prize: MEPs to choose among finalist films

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The three finalist films competing for the 2014 Lux Prize will be screened at the European Parliament from 1 to 12 December. The films will also be shown at the Brussels fine arts centre BOZAR on 2 and 3 December, in the presence of their directors. The final three films competing for the prize this year are *Class Enemy* (*Razredni sovražnik*), by Rok Biček (Slovenia), *Bande de filles*, by Céline Sciamma (France) and *Ida*, by Paweł Pawlikowski (Poland/ Denmark)

The films will be screened at the European Parliament three times a day from 1 to 12 December. MEPs will be able to vote for their favourite film until 16 December, and their votes will decide the winner. The Lux Prize award ceremony will take place on 17 December in Strasbourg.

Films in the running

Class Enemy (*Razredni sovražnik*), by Rok Biček (Slovenia), in which relations between a Slovenian school class and its new German teacher become very strained, partly due to differences in how they see life.

Bande de filles (*Girlhood*), by Céline Sciamma (France), tells the story of a girl who starts a new life, changes her name and style of dress and leaves school in order to be accepted in a gang, in the hope that this will be her route to freedom.

Ida, by Paweł Pawlikowski, (Poland/Denmark), is the story of an orphan girl brought up in a convent, who, before taking her vows, discovers that she was born in a Jewish family. Together with her cousin, she starts out on a long journey to learn more about her family and herself.

Audience choice

For the third consecutive year, the public will also be able to vote for its favourite film, which will be awarded a special mention from the audience. Film lovers are invited to state their preferences on the Lux Prize web site or Facebook page (links to the right). The results will be announced at the 2015 Karlovy Vary International Film Festival.

LUX Prize film days

The three LUX Prize finalist films will be screened in the 28 European Union countries on LUX Prize film days from September. Parliament will pay for them to be subtitled in the EU's 24 official languages. In order to share the diversity and richness of European cinema with as many Europeans as possible and thus stimulate debate on the issues

Press release

raised in the films selected.

LUX Prize award ceremony

European Parliament President Martin Schulz will announce this year's winner at an official ceremony at the plenary session in Strasbourg on 17 December. A press conference with the makers of the three films is to be held after the results are announced. Journalists will also have an opportunity to interview the directors.

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