



International Festival of Animated Films Anifilm 2024

Czech Horizon – Awarded Films

Czech Horizon is Anifilm's competition for Czech animated works held in the following categories:

- Short and Feature Films
- Student Films
- Series
- Music Videos
- Commissioned Work

The Czech Horizon's winners are selected by the Council of Animated Film made of animation professionals.

The winners of the 2024 Czech Horizon in their respective categories are:

Best Czech Animated Work – Czech Television Award

Tonny, Shelly and the Magic Light

Directed by Filip Pošivač

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Best Czech Short and Feature Film – PPF Foundation Award

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Best Czech Student Film

Electra

Directed by Daria Kashcheeva

After the worldwide success of her film *Daughter*, FAMU student Daria Kashcheeva returns with a mesmerising film experience inspired by a classical theme. Using a combination of several animation techniques and live action, she dives deep into the titular heroine Electra, her memories, fantasies and dreams, which intertwine and pose the question whether our memory is a mere fiction or perhaps even a myth.

Best Czech Series

Veggierado

Directed by Jan Bubeníček

This pilot of a series in development will teach us about guacamole. But don't expect a recipe or instructions. In this wild western, the villainous Chilli Pepper kidnaps Mrs. Avocado. In order to make guacamole, our veggie heroes need to do some chopping.

Best Czech Commissioned Work

The Rapid Arrows Celebrates 85 Years

Directed by Marek Berger

On 17 December 1938, *Mladý hlasatel* magazine published the first *Rapid Arrows* comic strip. To celebrate its 85th anniversary, director and graphic artist Marek Berger made this atmospheric music video for the Jaroslav Foglar Scout Foundation in which he recounts the iconic moments of Foglar's 'Stínadla trilogy'.

Best Czech Music Video

Prezident Lourajder: Lunapark

Directed by Matej Mihályi

In this visually distinct and originally stylised music video, Prezident Lourajder takes us to a post-apocalyptic amusement park. The rides are terrifying and there is no one in the park except Lourajder. This music video is another collaboration between the Slovak rapper and Matej Mihályi.

It is also worth noting who won the 2nd and 3rd place:

Best Czech Animated Work

2nd place *Electra*, dir. Daria Kashcheeva

3rd place *Veggierado*, dir. Jan Bubeníček

Best Czech Short and Feature Film

2nd place *About a Cow*, dir. Pavla Baštanová

3rd place *Earth Episodes*, dir. Jan Míka

Best Czech Student Film

2nd place *Humanity*, dir. Tereza Kovandová

3rd place *Marie*, dir. Jan B. Piskač

Best Czech Series

2nd place *The Impact – Episode 4*, dir. Ondřej Tešnar, Olga Šarovská

3rd place *All That the Weather Can Do – Rain*, dir. Maria Procházková

Best Czech Commissioned Work

2nd place *Erasmus: It Has Never Been Easier*, dir. Michaela Režová, Panika Studio

3rd place *LUSTER 10*, dir. Thanh Mai Tranová, Jáchym Štulíř, Patrik Trska, Alžběta Zemanová, Matej Mihály

Best Czech Music Video

2nd place *Arkae: Tot Alles Is Opgelicht*, dir. Ondřej Nedvěd, Vojta Komárek

3rd place *Rozálie: Láva*, dir. Kristina Dufková