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The Audentia Award 2017

Strasbourg, 25.07.2017 – The Council of Europe's [Eurimages](#) Fund has joined forces with Locarno Festival to present the second edition of the **Audentia Award** for best female director, during the 70th edition of the Festival, which will be held from 2 to 12 August 2017.

The award, a cash prize of 30,000 euros, has been instigated by Eurimages alongside a raft of other measures to promote greater gender equality in the film industry.

Audentia – meaning "courage" or "bravery" in Latin – reflects two vital qualities for any woman wishing to pursue a career in film directing. With the *Audentia Award*, Eurimages intends to celebrate women who have had the courage to make that choice, by giving their work greater visibility and inspiring other women to follow in their footsteps.

10 films have been pre-selected from across all Locarno Festival's categories and all films by female directors to compete for the second edition of the Prize:

"Amori che non sanno stare al mondo" by **Francesca Comencini** (Italy)

"Demain et tous les autres jours" by **Noémie Lvovsky** (France)

"Laissez bronzer les cadavres" by **Hélène Cattet** (France)

"Abschied von den Eltern" by **Astrid Johanna Ofner** (Austria)

"Milla" by **Valerie Massadian** (France)

"Anatomia del miracolo" by **Alessandra Celesia** (France/Italy)

"Nothingwood" by **Sonia Kronlund** (France/Germany)

"Nous sommes jeunes et nos jours sont longs" by **Léa Forest** (France)

"Pietra tenera" by **Aurélie Mertenat** (Switzerland)

"Sand und Blut" by **Angelika Spangel** (Austria)

The prize-giver of the second edition, **Goldshifteh Farahani**, has been chosen for her outstanding courage and commitment to advancing the cause of gender equality.

Jury members include: **Rachel Schmid**, the Swiss representative to Eurimages, **Marie-Pierre Vallé** (Head of Acquisitions, Wild Bunch) and **Roger Garcia** (Executive Director of the Hong Kong International Film Festival).

The first prize-winner was Anca Damian, for her film "Magic Mountain", which won the first Audentia Award at Istanbul Film Festival in 2016.

The second *Audentia* prize recipient will be announced on **Thursday 10 August 2017** and will be awarded on the Piazza Grande, Locarno, at 9.30pm.

For forthcoming editions a different international festival will be selected on a yearly basis.

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