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Juanita Wilson wins the FACE prize at the Istanbul Film Festival for "As if I'm Not There" Special Mention goes for "Press"

Istanbul, 16.04.2011 – Juanita Wilson today received the 5th Film Award of the Council of Europe (FACE) for her film "As if I'm Not There" at the international film festival in Istanbul. The award was presented to the winner by Ambassador Daryal Batibay, Chairman Ministers'.

The decision of the Human Rights Jury was announced by its President Scandar Copti, winner of FACE Award for "As if I'm Not There". "In fact, decency and sensitivity the suffering of a woman victim of rape during the war in Bosnia. At the deepest of tragedy, the film leaves an open window on hope and reminds us that women are the future of mankind" the Jury said. "Yilmaz worthy of a Special Mention " for its message of freedom of information, which constitute the very basis of human rights, democracy and the rule of law". This year, 10 films were entered in

The prize awarded to Juanita Wilson consists of a bronze sculpture and a cash prize of 10000 euros, partly financed by Eurimages, the production, distribution and exhibition of European cinematographic works.

The decision to create the FACE award reflects cinema and cultural diversity, and is recognition of the contribution that the world of cinema can make in developing human rights worldwide.

The FACE award is an annual collaboration between the Council of Europe and the International Istanbul Film Festival.

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