

PRESS RELEASE

The Norwegian International Film Festival Haugesund 2016

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## **EURIMAGES LAB PROJECT AWARD PRESENTED IN HAUGESUND**

### **THE AWARD OF 50 000 EURO IS HANDED OUT FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE NORWEGIAN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL IN HAUGESUND.**

This year, a brand new award was presented at the Norwegian International Film Festival in Haugesund: Eurimages Lab Project Award.

The intention of the award is to reward the most promising "cutting edge" film of the works-in-progress part of New Nordic Films. The award is to be given to a film that is experimental, either in form or content, or is moving outside the traditional film production framework. It shall also be a result of international co-operation. The films presented in work in progress are either in production or postproduction. The award shall contribute to the completion of the film.

The award went to:

THE WIND BLEW ON Director: Katrín Ólafsdóttir, Producers: Katrín Ólafsdóttir and Katie Nicoll, Production company: International / Incohérence, Iceland.

The jury states:

*"We were struck by the beauty of the images and the whole cinematic approach. The concept of the film creates an emotional journey, which reaches out directly to us, the viewers.*

*The jury respects the Commitment of this filmmaker to the strong vision and the Independent way of developing the project."*

The jury consisted of Norwegian director Bent Hamer, Dorien van de Pas, leader of the talent development programme at the Netherlands Film Fund, and Heidi Zwicker, programmer for the Sundance Film Festival.

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