

# Ji.hlava awards 2025

## Opus Bonum

- Main Award: **Natalia Koniarz**, [Silver](#)
- I. Special Mention: **Jean Boiron-Lajous**, [Abysses and Wonders](#)
- II. Special Mention: **Hilary Powell, Dan Edelstyn**, [Power Station](#)
- Best Central and Eastern European Documentary: **Lisa Polster**, [Bürglkopf](#)
- Best Documentary Film in the Visegrad Region: **Natalia Koniarz**, [Silver](#)
- Award for Original Approach: **Diego Hernández**, [Skyless Roof](#)
- Best Editing: **Xavier Sirven**, [Abysses and Wonders](#)
- Best Cinematography: **Stanisław Cuske**, [Silver](#)
- Award for the Best Sound Design: **Henry Sims**, [The Beauty of the Donkey](#)
- Student Jury Award: **Peter Mettler**, [While the Green Grass Grows: A Diary in Seven Parts](#)

## First Lights

- Main Award: **Yudi Zhu**, [So Close, So Far](#)
- Special Mention: **Karel Malkoun**, [The cats, the sea, and everything between.](#)
- Best Cinematography: **Ludmila Cimbůrková, Maja Penčič**, [Minimum Love](#)
- Award for Original Approach: **Raaed Al Kour**, [Taste of Salt](#)

## Testimonies

- Main Award: **Sammy Baloji**, [The Tree of Authenticity](#)
- Special Mention: **Amber Fares**, [Coexistence, my Ass!](#)
- Special Mention for Best Film on Politics: **Joanna Grudzinska**, [Poland versus History](#)
- Special Mention for Best Film on Knowledge: **Åse Svenheim Drivenes**, [Teenage Life Interrupted](#)

## Fascinations

- Main Award: **Fredj Moussa**, [Land of Barbar](#)
- I. Special mention: **Mario Blaconà**, [Transparencies](#)
- II. Special mention: **Paula Malinowska**, [Branching Light and Flickers of a Dawn](#)

## Exprmntl.cz

- Main Award: **Nebe Motýlová**, [tiny film about rape](#)
- Special mention: **Zbyněk Baladrán**, [The Totalitarian Society of the Image](#)

## Audience Award

- [Mr. Nobody Against Putin](#)

## Czech Joy

- Main Award: **Vitaly Mansky**, [Time to the Target](#)
- Special Mention: **Martin Trbalík**, [What About Petey?](#)
- Best Editing: **Michal Böhm**, [Unborn Father](#)
- Best Sound Design: **Martin Stýblo**, **Eliška Cílková**, [Kapralova](#)
- Best Cinematography: **Martin Kollár**, [Chronicle](#)
- Award for Original Approach: **Jan Strejcovský**, [Is It Worth It!?](#)
- Student Jury Award: **Martin Trbalík**, [What About Petey?](#)

## Virtual Reality Film

- Award for the Best Virtual Reality Film: **Caroline Poggi**, **Jonathan Vinel**, [The Exploding Girl](#)
- Special Mention: **Sjors Swierstra**, **Ivanna Khitsinska**, [Shelter](#)
- Special Mention: **Shiuan Yan**, [Trans-composition](#)

## Short Joy

- **Gabriele Neudecker**, [wedLOCK tradWIFE](#)

## Contribution to World Cinema Award

- **Fundación Grupo Ukamau**