***Occupation* Dominates Czech Film Critics Awards**

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***Occupation* dominated the annual Czech Film Critics Awards held today at Prague’s Archa Theatre. The offbeat drama about events that unfold when a drunk Soviet commander stumbles into a party in a provincial theater in occupied Czechoslovakia of the 1970s was nominated in six categories, winning in four, including Best Picture, Best Director for Michal Nohejl, and Best Script for Marek Šindelka & Vojtěch Mašek. The innogy Award for Best Newcomer also went to Nohejl.**

Other winning films took home a single award. Václav Neužil won Best Actor for his portrayal of a four-time Olympic gold medalist in the biopic *Zátopek*. Best Actress went to Pavla Gajdošíková for her depiction of a young woman with compromising past in the romance *Mistakes*.The mixed-media *Love, Dad* by Diana Cam Van Nguyen won the second annual Best Short Film Award.

Best Documentary went to Adéla Komrzý’s *Intensive Life Unit*, about end-of-life care. Denisa Grimmová, Jan Bubeníček & Jan Kurka won theAudiovisual Achievement Award for the animated *Even* *Mice Belong in Heaven*.

The Offscreen Award was given to *The Defender*, a ten-part Czech Television series – written by Tomáš Feřtek & Matěj Podzimek and directed by Tereza Kopáčová & Tomáš Mašín – based on real-life dramas at Czech schools and colleges.

The awards were hosted by Anita Krausová and Tereza Hofová.

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**Czech Film Critics’ Awards 2021 Results**

**BEST FILM:** *Occupation*(*Okupace*) – Jan Hlavsa and Julie Žáčková (producers)

**BEST DOCUMENTARY:** *Intensive Life Unit*(*Jednotka intenzivního života*) – Adéla Komrzý (director)

**BEST DIRECTOR:** Michal Nohejl – *Occupation* (*Okupace*)

**BEST SCREENPLAY:** Vojtěch Mašek – Marek Šindelka – *Occupation*(*Okupace*)

**AUDIOVISUAL ACHIEVEMENT:** *Even* *Mice Belong in Heaven* (*Myši patří do nebe*) – Denisa Grimmová, Jan Bubeníček and Jan Kurka (art concept)  
  
**BEST ACTOR:**Václav Neužil *– Zátopek*  
  
**BEST ACTRESS:** Pavla Gajdošíková – *Mistakes*(*Chyby*)

**INNOGY AWARD FOR NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR:** Michal Nohejl*– Occupation (Okupace)*

**OFFSSCREEN AWARD:** *The Defender* (*Ochránce*)– Tereza Kopáčová, Tomáš Mašín, Tomáš Feřtek, Matěj Podzimek

**BEST SHORT FILM:** *Love, Dad* (*Milý tati*) – Diana Cam Van Nguyen (director)