27th European Film Awards
Welcome and laipni lūdzam Rīga!
The 27th European Film Awards were celebrated in Riga, European Capital of Culture 2014, on 13 December and brought European filmmakers, EFA Members, guests, nominees and winners to the Latvian capital at the mouth of the Daugava river.
The Awards Weekend

After rehearsals at the Latvian National Opera, a press conference and interviews with nominees and winners at the hotel, Friday evening saw a special screening of LES PLAGES D’AGNÈS in honour of Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Agnès Varda.
The EFA Statuette

The EFA Statuette is a silver woman in a star-covered gown. Designed by Theo Fennell in London, the statuette is 27 cm tall and weighs 2kg. EFA sponsor GLS transported them to Riga and provided a special display at the party where winners could safely leave their statuette.
Creative Europe Desk Latvia and RIGA 2014 hosted a special welcome reception for EFA Members and the international press at the spectacular Small Guild.
Honouring the nominees
Short film nominees Vincent Patar and Stéphane Aubier (THE CHRISTMAS LOG), documentary nominee Jan Bang Carlsen (JUST THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF VIOLENCE), discovery nominees Fernando Franco (WOUNDED) and Carlos Marques-Marcet (10,000 KM) and documentary nominee Hubert Sauper (WE COME AS FRIENDS) with EFA Deputy Chairman Mike Downey

Presenter Ariane Labed, discovery nominee Yann Demange (‘71) and Leah Walker

Discovery nominee Carlos Marques-Marcet (10,000 KM) and short film nominee Una Gunjak (THE CHICKEN)
The Nominees’ Celebration took place at Riga’s Blackheads House, residence of the Latvian president. Each nominee received a certificate and had a chance to meet and mingle with the others and celebrate European cinema.
Getting ready
EFA Member Carice van Houten
Presenter Ariane Labed
Actress Inga Alsiņa and company
Nominees Marie Kjellson, Ruben Östlund and Erik Hemmendorff (FORCE MAJEURE)

Valeria Bruni Tedeschi (HUMAN CAPITAL)

EFA Member Ivars Seleckis and his wife, film editor Maja Selecka
EFA President Wim Wenders, his wife Donata, EFA Director Marion Döring, and EFA Chairwoman Agnieszka Holland.

Steve McQueen, recipient of the award European Achievement in World Cinema.

Producer Eric Goossens and director Stéphane Berla (JACK AND THE CUCKOO-CLOCK HEART).

Liv Ullmann, Agnieszka Holland and presenter Andrzej Chyra.
Presenters: Gustavs Terzens and Marta Selecka (RIGA2014 ambassadors)

Comedy nominee: Paco Léon (CARMINA & AMEN)

EFA Deputy Chairman: Antonio Saura and actress Ruth Gabriel

Documentary nominee: Teodora Ana Mihai (WAITING FOR AUGUST) with her husband Habacuc Antonio de Rosario (left) and brother Bogdan.
Documentary nominees Hubert Sauper (WE COME AS FRIENDS) and producer Gabriele Kranzelbinder.

Documentary Nominee Laurent Bécus-Renard (right, OF MEN AND WAR), DoP Camille Cottagnoud, and Flore Benguigui.

Short film nominees and guests: Wojciech Sobczyk (SUMMER 2014), Sebastian Buerkner (THE CHIMERA OF M.), Peter Tanai, Eszter Ducsai, Pavel Vesnakov (PRIDE), Morgan Knibbe (SHIPWRECK), Albert Czomba, Simon Szabo (WALL), Sebastian Morsch, Jelena Goldbach, Una Gunjak (THE CHICKEN).
Short film nominees and guests: Stéphane Aubier & Vincent Patar (THE CHRISTMAS LOG), Cristina Martínez, Jorge Lopez Navarrete (LITTLE BLOCK OF CEMENT WITH DISHEVELLED HAIR CONTAINING THE SEA), Kobi Azran, Idan Hubel (DAILY BREAD)

State Secretary Sandis Voldiņš, Diana Civle (director Riga 2014) and Dace Melbārde (Ministry of Culture of Latvia)
Justine Wright, European Editor 2014 for LOCKE, and her daughter Elliot

Nominee Steven Knight (LOCKE)

Nominees Sergey Melkumov & Alexander Rodnyansky (LEVIATHAN) and company
Discovery nominee Carlos Marques-Marcet (10,000 KM)

Presenter Melissa Sözen

Presenter Tobias Moretti, his wife Julia and the Austrian cultural minister Josef Ostermayer
Short film nominee Guðmundur Arnar Guðmundsson (WHALE VALLEY) and company

Nominated actor Alexey Serebryakov (LEVIATHAN)

Producer Angus Lamont and discovery nominee Yann Demange ('71)
Actor Andres Gertrudix, Discovery nominee Fernando Franco, nominated actress Marian Alvarez and producer Koldo Zuazua (WOUNDED)

Presenter Nikolaj Coster-Waldau

Nominee Paolo Virzi (HUMAN CAPITAL) and actress Micaela Ramazotti
The Awards Ceremony
Bringing a taste of Latvia to the ceremony: the cello trio Melo-M
Pierfrancesco "Pif" Diliberto
European Comedy 2014
THE MAFIA ONLY KILLS IN SUMMER, with presenter Andrzej Chyra

Natascha Curtius-Noss
European Costume Designer 2014
THE DARK VALLEY

Claus-Rudolf Amler
European Production Designer 2014
THE DARK VALLEY

Marc Bauder
European Documentary 2014
MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE
Behind the Scenes

Łukasz Żal, European Cinematographer 2014 – Prix Carlo di Palma (IDC), and Timothy Spall, European Actor 2014 (MR TURNER)
The press centre

The photo call

Paweł Pawlikowski, European Screenwriter and European Director
2014 for IDA, European Film 2014 and EFA People’s Choice Award

Marc Bauder, European Documentary 2014 for MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE

Mica Levi, European Composer 2014 for UNDER THE SKIN

Joakim Sundström, European Sound Designer 2014 for STARRED UP
The European Film Academy Lifetime Achievement Award goes to Agnès Varda
The After-Show Party

Short film nominee Jan-Gerrit Seyler (STILL GOT LIVES_) and company
Presenter Johannes Kuhnke, Willemijn Tuip, nominee Ruben Östlund (FORCE MAJEURE) and presenter Sylvia Hoeks

Discovery nominee Yann Demange (‘71) and Steve McQueen, recipient of the award European Achievement in World Cinema

Short film nominee Eoin Duffy (THE MISSING SCARF)