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## **Mexican Feature “La canción de los niños muertos” (Song of the dead Children) wins the *sehsüchte* Prize for Best Feature Film.**

The 38<sup>th</sup> International Student Film Festival, *sehsüchte*, in Potsdam-Babelsberg has awarded a total of 49,300 Euros to 15 prize winners. Director Matthias Glasner, a member of the jury on features, handed the prize for the **Best Feature Film** to the Mexican entry, “**La canción de los niños muertos**”. Representing the director, David Pablos, the camera operator, Hatuey Viveros, accepted the main prize. “The Film is poetic, archaic, almost mystical. With great creative force [...]. A courageous film, that doesn't try to ingratiate itself and leaves its viewers deeply moved”, that's what the jury said in saluting it. As **Best Feature Film under 25 Minutes**, the Hungarian entry, “**Kócos**”, by Marcell Gerö, took the prize.

The documentary jury led by the camera operator, Lutz Reitemeier, awarded the main prize to the Bulgarian film “**Golshovo**” by Ilian Metev. Best documentary film under 25 minutes was “**Kuppikunta**” by Reetta Huhtanen from Finland.

The prize for the best animation film was awarded to the Dutch director, Evelien Lohbeck, for her entry “**Noteboek**”.

Camera operator, Armin Dierolf, received the prize for Best Camera for “**Schwester Ines**”, and the Polish feature “**Luksus**” by Jarek Sztandera took the prize for Best Editing. The Focus Dialogue Prize went to the Indian feature “**Erased**” by Neha Raheja Thakker.

The most valuable prize at the Student Film Festival, the Prize for Best Producer, was awarded to the feature, “**Sores & Sirin**” by Srephanie Blum. The Anti- Discrimination Prize went to the documentary “**Unter Nachbarn**” by Stefen Duvel. The Best Children's film was “**Bienenstich ist aus**” by Sarah Winkenstette.

The audience Prize of the 38<sup>th</sup> International Student Film Festival will be announced at the award ceremony.

All prize winners as well as the Juries' explanations are on [www.sehsuechte.de](http://www.sehsuechte.de).

Once again in this year, students at the **Hochschule für Film und Fernsehen “Konrad Wolf” / The Film & Television Academy “Konrad Wolf”** in Potsdam-Babelsberg have total control of the festival's concept and organisation.

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