

## **The voting on the nominations for the Czech Lion Awards has just started; 94 films, miniseries and series are fighting for the prestigious award**

*The ceremonial gala evening when the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual awards of the Czech Film and Television Academy (CFTA) symbolized by the statuettes of the Czech Lion will be presented on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and the ceremony will take place in the Prague Congress Centre in Prague for the first time. Traditionally Czech Television will broadcast the gala evening live on CT1 channel at 20:10. Today the CFTA academics started voting in the first round and altogether 94 works of art passed to the first round within the framework of 24 statutory categories. The nominations will be announced on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026, also in a live broadcast of Czech Television on the CT24 channel.*

*The ceremony of presenting the prestigious film awards will be hosted for the first time by the stand-up comedian Bianca Cristovao. The creative supervision of the gala will be again in the hands of Matěj Chlupáček.*

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The voting of the members of the Czech Film and Television Academy, which unites the prominent film and television professionals, started officially on 1<sup>st</sup> December. The academics are assessing altogether 94 movies of this year production that have been premiered in 2025. Specifically, 38 feature actors' films, 15 documentary features, which have been chosen by the pre-selection committee consisting of the members of the academy from the total number of 36 documentary features and 15 animated or puppet films. Furthermore, the academics are also assessing 14 series and miniseries enrolled by their broadcasters/producers which have been presented during the year on screens or online platforms as well as 12 short films that a preselection committee consisting of the members of the academy has chosen from the 36 movies that had been enrolled. The Czech Lion Awards are presented in 24 statutory categories, every year the presidium acknowledges a unique contribution to Czech film and can also award a prize for an exceptional feat in the area of audio-visual arts.

For the first time, the upcoming presentation of the Czech Lion Awards will take place in the Prague Congress Centre. "We are grateful for the years we could spend in Rudolfinum; however,

*the Congress Centre offers a great deal of new opportunities for the gala evening, from the size of the stage and larger seating capacity to the backstage technical facilities,”* explains the president of the CFTA Ivo Mathé.

Just like last year the supervisor of the ceremonial gala evening will be the director and producer Matěj Chlupáček and the scenographer Henrich Boráros. The live broadcast will be once again directed by the experienced Michael Čech. *“We are pleased to continue with the job we started last year because we got the opportunity to try a number of new things – a new concept, new venue and a new host. The 33<sup>rd</sup> Czech Lion continues with its last year’s mission to supply new energy and this year we will again use the ceremony itself to present the not so well known but nonetheless very important faces of Czech cinematography,”* explains Matěj Chlupáček. The role of the host has been accepted by the stand-up comedian and scriptwriter Bianca Cristovao, who builds up her successful career mainly in the United States. *“I mostly work abroad so the offer to host the Czech Lion Awards came as a big surprise. As soon as I got to know the creative team it became clear that next year will not lack surprises. I would like to thank for the opportunity to be part of the next memorable evening where the Czech talent will be appreciated,”* adds Cristovao.

The support of stable partners is essential for the presentation of the Czech Lion film awards. The loyal general partner has been for a long time the mineral water Magnesia of the company Mattoni 1873, which is also the co-organiser of the Magnesia Award for the best student film that is also awarded within the framework of the gala evening. A significant supporter of the Czech cinematography is also the main partner of the Czech Lion Awards, the innogy company. The main media partner is Czech Television. The other partners of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Czech Lion Awards are Cinestar, the Prague Congress Centre, Krušovice Bohém and the media partners are Czech Radio Radiožurnál, ČSFD.cz, the news portal iDnes.cz, Reflex, Ledmultimedia and Vogue CS.

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#### **OVERVIEW OF THE STATUTORY CATEGORIES OF THE ANNUAL CZECH LION AWARDS**

- 1) best feature actors’ film
- 2) best director
- 3) best screenplay
- 4) best cinematography
- 5) best music
- 6) best film editing
- 7) best sound
- 8) best stage design
- 9) best costume design
- 10) best makeup and hairstyling
- 11) best actress in a leading role
- 12) best actor in a leading role

- 13) best actress in a supporting role
- 14) best actor in a supporting role
- 15) best documentary feature
- 16) best miniseries or series
- 17) best animated film
- 18) best short film
- 19) best actress in a leading role in a series work of art
- 20) best actor in a leading role in a series work of art
- 21) best actress in a supporting role in a series work of art
- 22) best actor in a supporting role in a series work of art
- 23) unique contribution to Czech film
- 24) exceptional feat in the area of audio-visual arts

### **33rd CZECH LION – ASSESSED FEATURE ACTORS' FILMS**

40 Rolí (40 Reels)  
 Bez trenek (Wear No Underwear)  
 Bubák (The Bugaboo)  
 Cukrkandl (Sugar Candy)  
 Deník shopaholičky (Diary of a Shopaholic)  
 Džob (Old Cans)  
 Fichtelberg (Fichtelberg)  
 Franz (Franz)  
 High School Heist (High School Heist)  
 Jadwiga, čarodějnice z Beskyd (Jadwiga the Witch)  
 Karavan (Caravan)  
 Kde končí láska (Lovends)  
 Kořenový vězeň (Tangled in the Roots)  
 Kouzlo derby (Matchday)  
 Krtkův svět (Mole's World)  
 Letní škola, 2001 (Summer School, 2001)  
 Máma (Mom)  
 Milion (Million)  
 Moře na dvoře (Sea of Hope)  
 Na druhé straně léta (The Other Side of Summer)  
 Na horách (In the Mountains)  
 Na plech (Do the Maeth)  
 Nahoře nebe, v dolině já (Promise, I'll be Fine)  
 Něco za něco (Side Effects)  
 Neporazitelní (Invincibles)  
 Nikdo mě nemá rád (Nobody Likes Me)  
 Pod parou (Another Round)  
 Sbormistr (Broken Voices)  
 Srnky (Does)  
 Stvůry (All the Good Deads)  
 Švábi (Cockroach)  
 Tichá pošta (Secret Delivery)  
 Tony má plán (Tony's Plan)  
 Útěk (Runaway)  
 Uzel zla (Snare of Evil)  
 Vyšehrad Dvje (Lavi 2: Scores Again)  
 Zlatovláška (Princess Goldilocks)

Zrození Alchymistky (Alchemist Academy)

### **33rd CZECH LION – PRESELECTION OF DOCUMENTARY FEATURES**

Co s Péťou? (What About Petey?)  
Doktor na tripu (Doctor on a Trip)  
Dům bez východu (The Impossibility)  
Expedice Bubny (Expedition Bubny)  
Má to cenu!? (Is It Worth It!?)  
Osm milimetrů rodiny (Unborn Father)  
Raději zešítet v divočině (Better to Go Mad in the Wild)  
Satan Kingdom Babylon (Satan Kingdom Babylon)  
Svět mezi námi (World Between Us)  
Štěstí a dobro všem (Happiness to All)  
Ta druhá (The Other One)  
Vandráci na ostrově lidojedů (Vagamundos: On the Island of the Cannibal)  
Velký vlastenecký výlet (Change My Mind)  
Veřejně prospěšné práce (Urban Disobedience Kit)  
Virtuální přítelkyně (Virtual Girlfriends)

### **33rd CZECH LION – ENROLLED ANIMATED FILMS**

9 milionů barev (9 Million Colors)  
Ahoj léto (Hello Summer)  
ANIMAMI (ANIMUMS)  
Hvězda (Star)  
I died in Irpin (I Died in Irpin)  
Kámen Osudu (Stone of Destiny)  
Lepší člověk (Better Man)  
malý film o znásilnění (tiny film about rape)  
Overture (Overture)  
Pohádky po babičce (Tales from the Magic Garden)  
POLIO (POLIO)  
Sleep Dreams (Sleep Dreams)  
Vlček (Wolfie)  
ZLES (BADWOODS)  
Zvídavá Eva: Příběhy planety Země (Little Eve: Stories of Planet Earth)

### **33rd CZECH LION – PRESELECTION OF SHORT FILMS**

Cestovatel (The Wayfarer)  
Eliška Liška (The Tale of a Tail)  
Hej, Češi! (Hey, Czechs!)  
Jak milovat Martínka (How to Love Martin)  
Kulturní fronta (Cultural Front)  
Nemáš oheň (Don't Light My Fire)  
Nespojitý signál (Discontinuous Signal)  
Pes a vlk (Dog and Wolf)  
Píchlé duše (Pierced Souls)  
První hlídka (First Patrol)  
Pryč (Away)  
Samota jim nevadí (Alone Together)

### **33rd CZECH LION – ENROLLED SERIES OF TELEVISION WORKS OF ART**

Bora (Bora)

Bratři a sestry (Brothers and Sisters)

Děcko (The Kiddo)

Král Šumavy 2 - Agent chodec (King of Šumava Season 2 - Agent Walker)

Kriminálka Anděl 7 (Criminal Investigation Department nr. 7)

Limity (The Limits)

Milionáři (Millionaires)

Moloch (Moloch Files)

Noční operatér (Night Surgeon)

OKTOPUS II (OCTOPUS II)

Ratolesti (The Offspring)

Studna (The Well)

Štěstíčku naproti (Making Your Own Luck)

Vraždy v kraji (Murders in the Region)

### **Czech Lion**

*The Czech Lion is a prestigious Czech film award that has been presented since 1993. Films are assessed based on the voting of the members of the Czech Film and Television Academy. The ceremonial announcement of the results will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026 in the Prague Congress Centre and it will be broadcast live by Czech Television on CT1 at 20:10.*

### **About the Czech Film and Television Academy:**

*The Czech Film and Television Academy was founded in 1995 and in 2013 it was transformed into a registered association. Its main aim is to support and promote Czech cinematographic art in the Czech Republic as well as abroad and create conditions for the development of Czech film. The academy presents the most prestigious Czech film award – the Czech Lion and nominates the Czech candidate for the awards of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. At the moment the CFTA consists of 435 members.*

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