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MEDIA INFORMATION

Award Ceremony of the Austrian Film Award 2019 in the Vienna City Hall

Dear members, supporters, sponsors, cooperation partners and friends of the Academy, dear media representatives!

On 30 January 2019, the Austrian Film Award 2019 was awarded in the frame of a glamorous gala at Vienna City Hall. There, the Award Sculpture, which had been designed by **VALIE EXPORT**, was handed over 16 times. We would like to warmly congratulate all prize winners! The list of names of all prize winners and films is available at www.oesterreichische-filmakademie.at/2019/preise.html





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Actress **Caroline Peters** and actor **Nicholas Ofczarek** hosted the event in the style of an equally charming and fast-paced double conference and the **Mnozil Brass** ensemble with seven virtuoso brass instrumentalists provided original and minimalistic background music full of cinematic references.



Host **Michael Ludwig**, Mayor of the City of Vienna, was delighted that the Austrian Film Award was once again awarded at Vienna City Hall. **Veronica Kaup-Hasler**, City Councillor for Culture and Science in Vienna, emphasised that it was particularly important to promote films that have a harder time reaching the mainstream.

An emotional highlight of the night was the awarding of the prize for Best Actress to 87-year-old **Ingrid Burkhard** (THE EREMITES). She expressed that she was pleased to see a hall full of “rebellious individualists”. As far as the political situation is concerned, she said that it is no use discussing things only amongst ourselves, since we are of the same opinion anyway: “We must talk to the others.”

Inge Maux (Best Supporting Actress for MURER – ANATOMY OF A TRIAL) created a moment of silent contemplation with singing a Jewish song.



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The writer, journalist and translator **Martin Pollack** (Austrian State Prize for Cultural Journalism 2018) wrote a speech that strongly warns against populism and the dismantling of democracy in Europe. Martin Pollack had to send his apologies for health reasons, so actor **Peter Simonischek** kindly stepped in for him and read his text: http://www.oesterreichische-filmakademie.at/2019/Gastrede_von_Martin_Pollack.pdf (German only)



Director **Michael Sturminger**'s stage production and the hosts he selected for leading our guests through the night celebrated Austrian filmmaking with sensitivity and respect but completely without pathos. Stage designer **Hubert Klausner** made the Austrian Film Award hang in the air in the truest sense of the word: All the sculptures were placed on a mirrored board, which became increasingly empty the more prizewinners received the award.

One week before the Gala, the **Night of the Nominees 2019** took place at **Perchtoldsdorf Castle**. The night was funded by the **State Government of Lower Austria**.



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Im Hof des Rathauses betreibt der Verein **chong*** eine Solidaritätsbar, deren Einnahmen zur Gänze in die Unterstützung von Flüchtlingen fließen: Das Projekt ist Teil der Allianz von **Menschen.Würde.Österreich** und wird von den Schauspielerinnen **Hilde Dalik** und **Susi Stach** betreut. More information:

<http://www.chong.at>

http://www.oesterreichische-filmakademie.at/2019/Flyer_Solidaritaetsbar_chong.pdf

Photos and videos around the Austrian Film Award 2019

The latest photos around the Austrian Film Award 2019 on Facebook and Instagram

<https://www.facebook.com/OesterreichischerFilmpreis/>

<https://www.instagram.com/oesterreichischerfilmpreis/>

Contributions to the Austrian Film Award 2019 can be found on Instagram under the hashtag **#österreichischerfilmpreis2019**

Prize-winners of the Austrian Film Award 2019

http://www.oesterreichische-filmakademie.at/2019/PreistraegerInnen_Oesterreichischer_Filmpreis_2019.pdf

Photos of the Award Ceremony of the Austrian Film Award 2019

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/oesterreichische-filmakademie/albums>

Video documentation of the Award Ceremony of the Austrian Film Award 2019

<https://vimeo.com/user62040704>

Photos and videos of the Night of the Nominees 2019

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Video documentation of the Night of the Nominees 2019

<https://vimeo.com/manage/313548733/general>



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