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The Award Winners of the festival 2019\*

On Sunday evening the 36th edition of the International Women's Film Festival ended in Dortmund. It was the first edition of the new festival director Maxa Zoller.

**Terri Ginsberg** (professor of film and media studies at the University of Cairo), **Sheri Hagen** (director, actress and producer from Germany) and **Edima Otuokon** (co-founder of the LADIMA-Foundation dedicated to the development and promotion of women in film, TV and media across Africa) gave the award, endowed with 15.000 Euro, to the macedonian production **GOD EXISTS, HER NAME IS PETRUNYA** by Teona Strugar Mitevska. A sharp and moving satire about a society defined by patriarchal stereotypes and fatal opportunism. The prize is divided between the director (€5,000) and the German distributor (€10,000) with the aim of promoting film distribution in Germany.

The jury gave a special mention to **THE BEAST IN THE JUNGLE** by director Clara van Gool because of the outstanding cinematic quality of the film. Actress Claire Johnston was deeply moved by the appreciation of her film.

The audience award went to Beryl Magoko's autobiographical documentary **IN SEARCH**. The film examines the subject of female genital mutilation as an authentic and emotional quest into the very self of a young woman. Gabriele Kroll, representative of Sparkasse Dortmund, gave the prize to Magoko and her cinematographer Jule Katinka Cramer.

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\*(from left to right): Jule Katinka Cramer (cinematographer IN SEARCH, audience award), Beryl Magoko (director IN SEARCH, audience award), Teona Strugar Mitevska (director GOD EXISTS, HER NAME IS PETRUNYA, Feature Film Competition), Maxa Zoller (festival director IFFF Dortmund|Cologne), Claire Johnston (actress THE BEAST IN THE JUNGLE, special mention Feature Film Competition), Edima Otuokon (jury), Terri Ginsberg (jury), Sheri Hagen (jury), Gabriele Kroll (Sparkasse Dortmund), Petra Müller (CEO Film und Medienstiftung NRW), Sonja Hofmann (curator of IFFF Dortmund|Cologne)