



### Information and invitation to the 1st annual Česká Leonarda film award

The Czech Leonarda Foundation cordially invites you to the 1st year of Česká Leonarda film award ceremony. The event will take place on September 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Měšťanská beseda in Pilsen, Czech Republic, as part of the Finále Plzeň Film Festival industry program.

The Minister of Culture of the Czech Republic, Martin Baxa, his deputy, Michal Šašek, the Government Commissioner for Human Rights, Klára Šimáčková Laurenčíková, senior representatives of the Pilsen Region, the Pilsen City Council, Jana Havrdová, Vice-President of the Czech Chamber of Commerce, and other partners of the awards have already confirmed their participation in this film event.

The awards will be presented by Ondřej Beníš, head of marketing at Euromedia Publishing, Eva Štěpánková, director of OOA-S Ochranná organizace autorská (Copyright Protection Organization) – an association of authors of works of fine art, architecture, and visual components of audiovisual works, and Lilia Khouznoutdinova, philanthropist, initiator of awareness campaigns focused on equal opportunities for women and men, and founder of the Propolis33 Endowment Fund.

In its first year, the award received the prestigious Diversity Awards 2024 from the Nordic Chamber of Commerce in the Czech Republic, as well as the patronage of the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic, the Pilsen Region, the City of Pilsen, the Karlovy Vary Region, the Czech Chamber of Commerce, ARAS, and other important institutions and partners.

Fifteen nominated projects and their authors will compete for creative financial scholarships in three categories. The winners will be decided by a panel of film professionals at Czech Leonarda Day on September 28, 2025, during a public pitching session starting at 1 p.m.

The members of the jury for the first year of the award are: Milan Šteindler, Irena Pavlásková, Daria Kashcheeva, Martin Vandas, Steve Lichtag, Tereza Herz Pokorná, Soňa Ticháčková, Matěj František Preisler, Miroslava Vokounová Krepčíková, Nataša Slavíková, and Marek Jícha, who will also be present in person at the award ceremony.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Zora Cejnková,

screenwriter and director, winner of the EBU Creative Forum Award

Founder of the Award, The Czech Leonarda Foundation

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