

Conecta FICTION & ENTERTAINMENT 2024 Awards Ceremony

- The eighth edition of the international event has awarded 19 prizes among the 37 finalist projects that participated in its 6 pitching categories.
- The Council of Europe Series Co-production Development Award, worth €50,000, goes to the project "The adventures of a turbo-folk princess".

Access to the photo gallery of the awards ceremony (available from 11pm -CET-)

Toledo, June 20th, 2024 - Conecta FICTION & ENTERTAINMENT 2024 **Awards Ceremony** was held this afternoon in the Auditorium of the Palacio de Congresos El Greco in Toledo, where the winners of the various awards given to the projects participating in the five pitching categories organised for this year's edition were announced: **Copro Series** (scripted series and mini-series), **High-End Series** (high-budget projects), **Music Series** (series in which music plays a fundamental role), **Docudrama Series** (dramatized documentaries) and **Feelgood Formats** (original entertainment formats with a "feel good" component).

The ceremony, hosted by the tv presenter **Rubén Ortega** together with the event's director **Géraldine Gonard**, was preceded by a special session with the premiere of an exclusive sneak peek of "**Weiss & Morales**", a new **Spanish-German co-production** led by the public broadcasters **RTVE and ZDF** together with the prodcos **Portocabo and Nadcon Film**, and distributed by **ZDF Studios**. The presentation of the procedural series, shot in the Canary Islands this spring and starring **Miguel Ángel Silvestre** and **Katia Fellin**, featured **Nina Hernández**, head of content of **Portocabo**; **Peter Nadermann**, executive producer of **Nadcon Film**; **Wolfgang Feindt**, commissioning editor feature film and international coproductions of **ZDF**; and **José Pastor**, film and fiction director of **RTVE**. The panel was moderated by **Susanne Frank**, director of drama at **ZDF Studios**.

One of the most important awards presented during the evening was the Council of Europe Series Coproduction Development Award, worth €50,000, which went to the Macedonian project "The adventures of a turbo-folk princess". The jury decided in favour of this title because "through its uniqueness, bravery, and freshness, gives a voice to underrepresented stories". This award, which intends to foster creative collaborations in series co-production and empower independent producers, forms part of the Pilot Programme for Series Co-productions, an initiative of the Council of Europe, home of Eurimages. It involves a non-repayable grant dedicated to covering expenses during the project development phase. The utilisation of this grant will be governed by a formal agreement between the winning project and the Council of Europe.









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HONORARY AWARD – FUTURE OF ENTERTAINMENT CONECTA 2024:

Michèle Benzeno Directora General, Webedia (Francia)

COUNCIL OF EUROPE SERIES CO-PRODUCTION DEVELOPMENT AWARD, consisting of €50,000 for the selected project:

> THE ADVENTURES OF A TURBO-FOLK PRINCESS / Oxo Production, Equal Film (North Macedonia)

RTVE PLAY AWARD (ex aequo), consisting of a project development contract for the best project of the pitching sessions Pitch Copro Series, Pitch High-End Series, Pitch Music Series and Pitch Fundación SGAE:

> K-DREAM / Angeli Pictures, Icecream Pictures (Spain) **OUTKASTS** by David Caiña (Spain)

G.E.M.A. Pitch Perfect AWARD, consisting of two annual professional memberships to The Global Entertainment Marketing Academy, plus one exclusive global access pass granting free entry to any G.E.M.A. worldwide event in 2024:

A BIG VOICE / Trilita Films (Spain)

CONECTA DIGITAL AWARD, consisting of a programme of individual mentoring sessions and an on-site accreditation for Conecta Digital (November 2024) for the five Spanish projects that have a clear focus on virtual technologies:

THE OBSCURITY by Roberto Márquez Bonilla (Spain)

BAD DECISIONS / La Maldita (Spain)

UNCLEAN / Vertice 360, Born Wild (Spain)

COUSO CASE / Recrea Films (Spain)

NEW NOMADS by Sergio Oliveros (Spain)

CMMEDIA AWARD, consisting of the production of a royalty-free promotional clip for the selected project:

COUSO CASE / Recrea Films (Spain)









SPAIN FILM COMMISSION AWARD, consisting of €3,000 for the project that best showcases the value of Spanish locations:

THE PULSE OF WATER / Nadie es Perfecto, Lola Cinema (Spain)

WARNER MUSIC AWARD, consisting of three days of Dolby Atmos Studio at its creative hub The Music Station in Madrid, to contribute to the creation of promotional materials for the winning project:

K-DREAM / Angeli Pictures, Icecream Pictures (Spain)

TRIODOS BANK AWARD, consisting of €3,000 to the project that best upholds the values and philosophy promoted by Triodos Bank:

DARK SUNS by Ignacio del Valle and Rai García (Spain)

CONTENT AMERICAS AWARD, consisting of two on-site accreditations and a private meeting table for Content Americas 2025:

THE SUMMER OF DEAD TOYS /
Corte y Confección de Películas, Coming Soon Films (Spain)

ACORDE AWARD, consisting of a license for two projects to use its music library for their pilot and first season:

DESTAPE / Satisfaction Iberia (Spain)

GISBERTA – LIFE AND DEATH OF A TRANS WOMAN /
Volf Entertainment, Ultravioleta (Portugal)

PRODU AWARD, consisting of a one-year subscription to PRODU media as well as editorial follow-up for two years on the progress of all the winning projects.

THE CORE AWARD, recognition of a Young Jury comprised of three students from The Core School for the best pitch:

THE FOODIE AND THE FUSSY / La Diferencia (Spain)

WAWA AWARD, consisting of five WAWA memberships to the crew of the chosen project and their participation in the pitching sessions at WAWA Business Forum:

STAND-UP THERAPY / Dadá Films & Entertainment (Spain)









D.O. LA MANCHA WINES AWARD, consisting of a selection of wines for 15 winning projects.

BAM BOGOTÁ AWARD, consisting of an invitation to pitch at BAM Bogotá 2025 (Colombia):

SAVE US FROM THE FIRES OF HELL / Equeco (Chile)

TV DRAMA VISION GÖTEBORG AWARD, consisting of an invitation to pitch at TV Drama Vision 2025 (Sweden):

THE SLEEPING CELL / SPi (Portugal)

SANFIC AWARD, consisting of an invitation to the Series Lab and pitching sessions of SANFIC Industria (Chile):

> GISBERTA – LIFE AND DEATH OF A TRANS WOMAN / Volf Entertainment, Ultravioleta (Portugal)

NEM ZAGREB AWARD, consisting of an invitation to pitch at NEM Zagreb (Croatia):

DESTAPE / Satisfaction Iberia (Spain)

SERIAL KILLER AWARD, consisting of an invitation to pitch at Serial Killer International Series Festival (Czechia):

GOLD WAR / Agitprop (Bulgaria)

Conecta FICTION & ENTERTAINMENT is a professional and international market focused on the creation, development, production, financing, broadcasting and marketing of television content, positioned within the top 10 international events of the audiovisual industry. Connecting industry and talent, fiction and entertainment and Europe and the Americas.

The eighth edition of Conecta FICTION & ENTERTAINMENT will be held in Toledo, Castilla-La Mancha, between June 18th and 21st, 2024, with the support of the Junta de Comunidades de Castilla-La Mancha and the collaboration of Castilla-La Mancha Film Commission. Inside Content oversees the design and production of the event.

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