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Frank van den Eeden wins Flemish Culture Award for Film 2013-2014

Today, the Flemish Minister for Culture, Sven Gatz, presented Director of Photography Frank van den Eeden with the Flemish Community Award for Film 2013-2014. The presentation took place during the annual Gala of the Ensors at Casino Kursaal in Ostend. The jury selected Frank van den Eeden as laureate because of his special dramaturgical insights and his attitude and work ethics which may serve as an example for both his colleagues and the younger generation.

The way in which Frank van den Eeden fleshes out the profession of Director of Photography is characterised by some exceptional talents. Because of his special dramaturgical insights, his work is not just limited to creating nice pictures, but also entirely devoted to the story. Also, like no other he respects the style of a film and realises it in full keeping with the director's vision and the film's needs. From the first preparations until the final touches, months after the shooting, he envisages the result of the films he is working on. Due to his talent for always committing himself to a project he is probably one of Flanders' most versatile Directors of Photography. Moreover, Frank van den Eeden exudes a natural calm which immediately wins him the respect of any film crew. This is a not-to-be-underestimated gift for a Director of Photography, who is one of the key figures on a film set.

Frank van den Eeden has always chosen to extend his area of activity. As long as he can work together with a director with a vision, any project is a potential challenge. As a result, his name features in the credits of many different film genres and television series. Directors of both popular films and auteurist cinema find what they are looking for with Frank. Throughout the years he has attracted a host of supporters from across the Flemish film world. This has resulted in an extensive and impressive record of achievements, including 'Kid', 'De behandeling', 'Het vonnis', 'The Invader', 'Swooni', 'Unspoken', 'Dossier K' and 'Een ander zijn geluk'. And we should add to that the countless number of short films.

Flemish Minister for Culture Sven Gatz said: "The master's eye makes the horse fat. The eye of Frank van den Eeden lifts films to a higher level."

Ostend Film Festival

The award ceremony of the Flemish Culture Award for Film took place during the Gala of the Ensors, organised by the Ostend Film Festival. A professional jury presented the Ensors in the categories 'Film', 'Director', 'Actor/Actress', 'Actor/Actress in a Supporting Role', 'Director of Photography', 'Editing', 'Art Direction', 'Costume Design', 'Music', 'Short Film' (fiction, animation),

'Documentary' and 'Co-production with Flanders'. The industry sector also presented an Industry Award.

The Gala of the Ensors was for the first time broadcast live on Telenet via Prime Star HD.

More information is available at www.filmfestivaloostende.be

Flemish Culture Awards 2013 -2014

On the proposal of a jury of experts the Flemish Minister for Culture pays tribute to individuals or an organisation that in the course of the past season made a notable contribution to cultural life in Flanders. The Flemish Culture Awards create public awareness of the laureate at a major event in the sector, which generates attention and appreciation for both the sector and the winner.

A cash prize of €12,500 is connected to the Culture Award. The Government of Flanders sets aside €20,000 for the Flemish Community Award for General Cultural Achievement. Each laureate receives the bronze statuette 'La ultima isla' by Philip Aguirre.

More information is available at: www.cultuurprijzen.be