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## **Méliès d'Or winners awarded at Lund Intl. Fantastic Film Festival**

This year's Méliès d'Or competition winners for best European fantastic feature film and short film of 2007 - have now been awarded. The Danish/German anti-pornography film **PRINCESS** won the feature category, while the Norwegian short film **SNIFFER** won the short film nomination category for the prestigious Méliès d'Or award during a ceremony at Lund Intl. Fantastic Film Festival Sunday night.

The jury's motivation reads as follows:

*"This year's winner of the Méliès d'Or mixes the visual styles of Manga and home movies. It tells a morally complex and fantastic tale of violence and pornography. It twists and turns and is highly original in its use of colour and music. Princess is an outstanding European movie."*

**PRINCESS** (directed by Anders Morgenthaler and produced by Sarita Christensen), a film, which is eighty percent animated, it is a dark tale told with a type of moral complex of problems that might not look like something one would ordinarily associate with animated film.

A missionary, August, battles with the tragic fate of his sister. After many years in the pornography industry the Princess has so run down both her life and carrier that the only final option left is her own death. August leaves his life as a minister and tormented by his sister's fate and the need of her daughter's he begins a crusade to destroy all pornographic materials containing the Princess.

"The choice that the jury made proves that the movie-making climate in Denmark never ceases to interest people. Considering their two strong movies nominated for this year's competition and the one winning the Méliès d'Or last year, and you have to take your hat off for our neighbors' great success. Princess is stylistically innovative and controversial regarding its subject. It gives an important comment on a yet more important debate. It is in all ways a worthy winner", says Lars Diurlin, FFF Festival Director.

The 2007 Méliès d'Or short film **SNIFFER** is directed by Bobbie Peers.

The jury would also like to address a Special Mention to **RENAISSANCE** for its visually innovative style and to **GRIMM LOVE** for its courage.

The 12th Méliès d'Or Award Ceremony will be held at Sitges Festival Internacional de Cinema de Catalunya in October 2008.

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