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Swiss Film Prize «Quartz 2011»

Honorary award for film producer Marcel Hoehn

Swiss filmmaking will be honoured and celebrated in the KKL Luzern on March 12, 2011. Prominent figures on the cultural and political scene will present the Swiss Film Prize «Quartz» to the best in nine respective categories. The highlight of the gala event is the award for Best Fiction Film, presented this year by Federal Councillor Doris Leuthard. This year's honorary award will go to Swiss film producer Marcel Hoehn.

The stars in the world of Swiss film and numerous figures from culture, politics and business will walk the red carpet at the KKL Luzern, beginning at 5 pm on March 12, where interested film aficionados can encounter the prominent guests up close. SF moderator Susanne Kunz will host the two-hour award ceremony, with some 900 guests in attendance. Setting the stage musically will be the 21st Century Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Ludwig Wicki. Due to its broad spectrum of film music, ranging from poignant sounds from early silent films to temperamental melodies from current Hollywood films, the orchestra is the ideal choice for the awarding of the Swiss Film Prize.

This year's «Quartz 2011» awards will be presented by prominent individuals: Federal Councillor Doris Leuthard; Italian actress Alba Rohrwacher; Christian Frei, president of the Swiss Film Academy; and animation film director Georges Schwizgebel. Rapper Steff la Cheffe will ensure special highlights, together with comedians Massimo Rocchi and Marie-Thérèse Porchet. Author and theatre director Daniele Finzi Pasca will present the Special Jury Prize.

Roger de Weck, managing director of SRG SSR, the organiser of the gala event, will open the award ceremony with a welcoming speech. The gala event is held under the auspices of SRG, in collaboration with the Federal Office of Culture and SWISS FILMS, as well as the Swiss Film Academy, the Solothurn Film Festival, the City of Lucerne and the KKL Luzern.

Honorary award for producer Marcel Hoehn

Tribute will be paid to Swiss film producer Marcel Hoehn. His successful career started with the production of Rolf Lyssy's "Die Schweizermacher" (1978), which has remained the most successful Swiss film production for the past 40 years. Over the course of many years he has also produced many unforgettable he produced in collaboration with Daniel Schmid, including such films as "Hécate" (1982), "Il Bacio di Tosca" (1984), "The Written Face" (1995) and "Beresina" (1999). The co-founder and managing director of T&C Film AG in Zurich produced the successful films by Christoph Schaub as well, for example, "Jeune Homme" (2006) and "Giulias Verschwinden" (2009). The long-standing member of the Federal Film Commission and numerous expert commissions is widely esteemed in the film industry due to his profound knowledge of and his sustained commitment to Swiss filmmaking. Renato Berta, the cinematographer of Daniel Schmid's films, will present the honorary award to Hoehn at the gala event.

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Swiss Film Night on TV

Three of the SRG television channels – SF zwei, TSR 1 and RSI LA 1 – will devote Saturday evening, March 12, 2011, to Swiss filmmaking. Together with its coverage of the Swiss Film Prize «Quartz 2011,» Swiss feature films and reportages on the world of Swiss filmmaking will be broadcast:

- “Die lange Nacht des Schweizer Film” on SF zwei, beginning at 8 pm:
<http://www.sendungen.sf.tv/die-lange-nacht-des-schweizer-films/Sendungen/Die-lange-Nacht-des-Schweizer-Films>
- “Nuit du Cinéma suisse” on TSR 1, beginning at 810 pm:
www.tsr.ch/fiction/2011/quartz
- “Notte bianca del Cinema svizzero” on RSI LA 1, beginning at 7.20 pm:
www.rsi.ch/quartz2011

The Swiss Film Prize is also the topic of SRG radio programmes for all linguistic regions on March 12 and 13.

Presenters of the «Quartz 2011»

Best Fiction Film:	Federal Councillor Doris Leuthard
Best Documentary Film:	Christian Frei, film director and president of the Swiss Film Academy
Best Short Film:	Steff la Cheffe, rapper and beatboxer
Best Animation Film:	Georges Schwizgebel, animation film director
Best Screenplay:	Massimo Rocchi, comedian and cabaret artist
Best Film Score:	Ludwig Wicki, conductor
Best Actress:	Alba Rohrwacher, actress
Best Actor:	Marie-Thérèse Porchet; comedian / cabaret artist
Best Performance in a Supporting Role:	Cihan Inan, director / Adrian Furrer, actor / Max Hubacher, actor

Further information:

<http://www.swissfilmprize.ch/>

Nominations dossier «Quartz 2011»:

http://www.swissfilms.ch/en/events_programmes/events/quartz/

Please send accreditation for the Swiss Film Prize «Quartz 2011» by Tuesday, March 8, to Ursula Hartenstein uhartenstein@swissfilms.ch

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