

Awards

Prizes will be given to films, videos and installations of the festival program in four different categories. Prize money in a total of 10,000 € and a production grant will be awarded. The prizes are meant for participating authors and artists. Independent juries decide on the winners. The judges' decisions are final.

Golden Key – Young directors competition documentary film

The Kassel Documentary Film and Video Festival perceives itself as a lively forum for the presentation and discussion of documentary work. The special role young film talents play in the festival is illustrated by the prize "The Golden Key". It is supported by the City of Kassel and endowed with 5,000 € for an outstanding documentary work of a young director. Eligible are documentaries in all film and video formats as well as running times, whose directors have not been older than 35 years of age at the time of completion of the submitted work. The selection committee will nominate up to 15 works of the festival program.

Golden Hercules – Regional competition

All formats and genres that can be presented on the big screen may take part in the competition for the "Golden Hercules". Installations and Internet projects will not be taken into consideration. The prize is sponsored by the corporate communications company Machbar GmbH and endowed with 2,500 €.

Eligible for the regional competition are works:

- whose director lives in Northern Hesse or
- whose director studies at Kassel University, the Kassel College of Arts and Design, or a comparable media institution in Northern Hesse or
- that have been realized or produced in Northern Hesse.

Works that fulfill at least one of these criteria are automatically nominated for the "Golden Hercules".

Golden Cube – Exhibition Monitoring

The "Golden Cube" awards the best media installation of the exhibition Monitoring. It is sponsored by the software company Micromata GmbH with 2,500 € in prize money. All installations displayed in the course of the exhibition are automatically nominated for this prize.

A38 – Production Grant Kassel-Halle

The Kassel Documentary Film and Video Festival and Werkleitz – Centre for Media Art have a long-standing tradition of cooperation and together award the A38 – Production Grant. Thanks to the kind support of the LPR Hessen and the Medienanstalt Sachsen-Anhalt (regulatory authorities for commercial broadcasting in Hesse and Saxony-Anhalt) the grant includes up to 4,000 € for living and traveling expenses for a residence up to two months.

The grant's name refers to the tedious but ultimately successful expansion of the A38-highway between Kassel and Halle, a structurally significant link between towns of East and West. The idea is to inspire the artist for a new audiovisual work by getting to know both towns. It will then be produced at Werkleitz – Centre for Media Art in Halle having the possibility to work with state-of-the-art HD systems (e.g. camera, video postproduction, etc.) as well as making use of technical support, worth up to 4,000 € for allowance in kind (such as equipment hire and material support).

Depending on the project's completion date, it may premiere during the next Kassel Documentary Film and Video Festival and/or be presented as part of the Werkleitz Event Programme. For further information please visit: www.werkleitz.de

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