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21ST EUROPEAN FILM FESTIVAL AWARDS FOR THE LEBANESE STUDENTS BEST SHORT FILMS

On the occasion of the closing of the 21st European Film Festival, the Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Lebanon, Ambassador Angelina Eichhorst, awarded the Lebanese Students Best Short Film Prize to two short films:

- "Where there is nothing but water" by Mohamed Sabbah, a graduate from Académie Libanaise des Beaux-Arts. The film is poetic, subtle and moving where one can discern real cinematographic language. Mohamed Sabbah will be invited to Oberhausen International Short Film Festival in Germany in 2015.
- "Assil et Jad" by Bane Fakih, a graduate from l'Institut d'études scéniques, audiovisuelles et cinématographiques (IESAV) of Saint-Joseph University. The jury has selected the film for its audacity, freshness and distinguished humour. Bane Fakih will be invited to Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival in France in 2015.

The jury has also attributed a special mention to "Orenda" by Jana Younes, a graduate from l'Institut d'études scéniques, audiovisuelles et cinématographiques (IESAV) of Saint-Joseph University. The director has shown well-rounded technical and aesthetic skills.

Twenty short films, presented by ten Lebanese audiovisual schools, were screened at the European Film Festival (Académie Libanaise des Beaux-Arts, American University of Technology, American University of Science and Technology, Lebanese American University, Notre Dame University, Université Al Kafaat, Université des Pères Antonins, Université Libanaise, Holy Spirit University Kaslik and Université Saint-Joseph).

The jury was composed of: Amélie Depardon, from l'Institut français du Liban; Vesna Chamoun from Goethe-Institut Libanon; Elodie Morel, editor in chief of I-Loubnan; Odette Makhlof, director; and Carine Khalaf from Metropolis Association.

After congratulating the two winners of the Lebanese Students Best Short Film Prize, Ambassador Eichhorst wished good luck to all the graduates of audiovisual schools in Lebanon who she hoped "will contribute to the development of the Lebanese cinema and the visibility of an entire generation".

The award ceremony was followed by the screening of the two winning short films.