

Awards – a Selection*

**This list is a selection of honors awarded to the students and alumni of the Munich Film and Television University (HFF München). Numerous other awards from national and international film festivals, both large and small, have been presented to our students and alumni. Upon request, we will be glad to provide information on any of these honors*

ACADEMY AWARD / OSCAR

2015 Nominated for Best Documentary	Wim Wenders <i>Das Salz der Erde (The Salt of the Earth)</i>
2014 Student Oscar Foreign Film Award	Lennart Ruff <i>Nocebo</i>
2012 Nominated for Best Documentary	Wim Wenders <i>Pina</i>
2012 Academy Award of Merit	Professor Franz Kraus Kraus (ARRI; Head of Dept. Technology) <i>For the construction and development of ARRILASER</i>
2007 Nominated for Student Oscar Foreign Film Award	Michael Dreher <i>Fair Trade</i> Michaela Kezele <i>Milan</i>
2007 Oscar Bester fremdsprachiger Film	Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck <i>Das Leben der Anderen</i>
2005 Nominated for Best Documentary	Byambasuren Davaa / Luigi Falorni <i>Die Geschichte vom weinenden Kamel (The Story of the Weeping Camel)</i>
2003 Oscar Best Foreign Language Film	Caroline Link <i>Nirgendwo in Afrika (Nowhere in Africa)</i>
2000 & 2001 Student Oscar Foreign Film Award Oscar Best Short Film - Live Action	Florian Gallenberger <i>Quiero ser</i>
2000 Nominated for Best Documentary	Wim Wenders <i>Buena Vista Social Club</i>
1997 Nominated for Best Foreign Language Film	Caroline Link <i>Jenseits der Stille (Beyond Silence)</i>
1994 Student Oscar Foreign Film Award	Katja von Garnier <i>Abgeschminkt (Making Up!)</i>



GERMAN FILM AWARD

Launched in 1951 – awarded by the German Film Academy since 2003

2014	
Best Children's or Youth Film	Ewa Karlström, Andreas Ulmke-Smeaton (SamFilm) <i>Ostwind</i> (director: Katja von Garnier)
Bernd Eichinger Preis	Gerhard Meixner, Roman Paul <i>Razor Film Produktion GmbH</i>
2011	
Best Feature Film (Gold)	Viola Jäger et al. <i>Vincent will Meer</i> (<i>Vincent Wants to Sea</i>)
Best Documentary (Gold)	Wim Wenders et al. <i>Pina</i>
Best Screenplay (Gold)	Yasemin Samdereli (with Nesrin Samdereli) <i>Almanya</i>
2010	
Lifetime Contribution Honorary Award	Bernd Eichinger
2009	
Best Feature Film (Gold)	Mischa Hofmann u.a. <i>John Rabe</i>
Best Feature Film (Silver)	Uschi Reich <i>Im Winter ein Jahr</i> (<i>A Year Ago in Winter</i>)
2008	
Best Feature Film (Bronze)	Christian Becker <i>Die Welle</i> (<i>the Wave</i>)
2007	
Best Feature Film (Silver)	Bernd Eichinger <i>Das Parfum</i> (<i>Perfume: The Story of a Murderer</i>)
Best Direction (Gold)	Marcus H. Rosenmüller
Best Screenplay (Gold)	<i>Wer früher stirbt ist länger tot</i> (<i>Grave Decisions</i>)
2006	
Best Direction (Gold)	Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck
Best Screenplay (Gold)	<i>Das Leben der Anderen</i> (<i>The Lives of Others</i>)
Best Feature Film (Gold)	Quirin Berg, Max Wiedemann <i>Das Leben der Anderen</i> (<i>The Lives of Others</i>)
Best Direction (Silver)	Hans-Christian Schmid <i>Requiem</i>
2005	
Best Feature Film (Silver)	Sven Burgemeister <i>Sophie Scholl</i> (<i>The Final Days</i>)
Best Sound Design (Gold)	Thomas Riedelsheimer <i>Touch the Sound</i>
2003	
Best Feature Film (Silver)	Jakob Claussen (Claussen + Wöbke Filmproduktion) <i>Lichter</i> (<i>Distant Lights</i>)



Best Cinematography (Gold)	Thomas Riedelsheimer <i>Rivers and Tides</i>
2002 Best Direction (Gold)	Caroline Link <i>Nirgendwo in Afrika (Nowhere in Africa)</i>
2001 Best Feature Film (Silver)	Jakob Claussen (Claussen + Wöbbke Filmproduktion) <i>Crazy</i>
2000 Film of the Year (Gold – Audience Award)	Jakob Claussen (Claussen + Wöbbke Filmproduktion) <i>Anatomie (Anatomy)</i>
1999 Best Feature Film (Silver)	Jakob Claussen (Claussen + Wöbbke Filmproduktion) <i>23</i>
1998 Best Direction (Gold)	Wim Wenders <i>Am Ende der Gewalt (The End of Violence)</i>
1997 Best Feature Film (Silver)	Jakob Claussen (Claussen + Wöbbke Filmproduktion) <i>Jenseits der Stille (Beyond Silence)</i>
1995 Best Direction (Gold)	Sönke Wortmann <i>Der bewegte Mann (Maybe... Maybe Not)</i>
1994 Best Overall Concept (Gold)	Bernd Eichinger <i>Das Geisterhaus (The House of Spirits)</i>
Young Director's Award (Gold)	Katja von Garnier <i>Abgeschminkt (Making Up!)</i>
1990 Best Overall Concept (Gold)	Uli Edel <i>Letzte Ausfahrt Brooklyn (Last Exit Brooklyn)</i>
Young Director's Award (Gold)	Axel Block <i>American Beauty Ltd.</i>
1988 Best Direction (Gold)	Dominik Graf <i>Die Katze (The Cat)</i>
1986 Best Screenplay (Gold)	Doris Dörrie <i>Männer (Men)</i>
1979 Young Director's Award (Gold – grant)	Josef Rödl <i>Albert – warum?(Albert - Why?)</i>
1978 Best Direction (Gold)	Wim Wenders <i>Der amerikanische Freund (The American Friend)</i>
1975 Best Direction (Gold)	Wim Wenders <i>Falsche Bewegung (The Wrong Move)</i>

GERMAN SHORTFILM AWARD

*Is awarded since 1956 by the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and Media;
the largest prize for shortfilm in Germany; 2012 held by HFF Munich*

2014 Best Documentary	Narges Kalhor & Benedikt Schwarzer <i>Shoot me</i>
2013 Best Documentary	Bettina Timm & Alexander Riedel <i>Kiran</i>
2012 Best Documentary	Helena Hufnagel <i>Erntefaktor Null</i>
Best Feature Film	Michael Krummenacher <i>Wenn alle da sind (When everybody's here)</i>

BAVARIAN FILM AWARD

Since 1951 – awarded by the State of Bavaria.

2015 Best Direction	Baran bo Odar <i>Who am I – Kein System ist sicher</i>
Best Young Director	Tomasz E. Rudzik <i>Agnieszka</i>
Best Production	Christian Stangassinger <i>Wir waren Könige</i>
Best Cinematography	Christian Stangassinger <i>Wir waren Könige</i>
Best Animated Feature Film	Thorsten Wegener (Production) <i>Biene Maja</i>
Best Animated Feature Film	Thorsten Wegener (Production) <i>Biene Maja</i>
2014 Best Children's or Youth Film	Katja von Garnier <i>Ostwind</i>
2013 Best Young Director	Michaela Kezele <i>Die Brücke am Ibar (My Beautiful Country)</i>
VGF-Young Producers Award	Maximilian Plettau <i>Nemez</i>
2012 Honorary Award	Wim Wenders

Best Direction	Doris Dörrie <i>Glück (Bliss)</i>
VGF-Young Producers Award	Thomas Klimmer, Boris Jendreyko <i>Die Farbe des Ozeans (Color of the Ocean)</i>
Best Children's or Youth Film	Christian Ditter, Christian Becker <i>Wickie auf großer Fahrt (Wickie and the Treasure of the Gods)</i>
2009 Best Young Director	Benjamin Heisenberg <i>Der Räuber (The Robber)</i>
2008 Best Production	Bernd Eichinger <i>Der Baader Meinhof Komplex (The Baader Meinhof Complex)</i>
Best Production	Mischa Hofmann <i>John Rabe</i>
Best Direction	Caroline Link <i>Im Winter ein Jahr (A Year Ago in Winter)</i>
Best Children's or Youth Film	Jakob Claussen <i>Krabat</i>
2007 Special Jury Award	Veit Helmer <i>Absurdistan</i>
2006 Best Young Director	Marcus H. Rosenmüller <i>Wer früher stirbt ist länger tot (Grave Decisions)</i>
2005 Best Young Director Best Screenplay	Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck <i>Das Leben der Anderen (Grave Decisions)</i>
Best Family Film	Ewa Karlström, Andreas Ulmke-Smeaton <i>Es ist ein Elch entsprungen (A Christmoose Carol)</i>
2004 Best Direction	Dennis Gansel <i>NaPolA (Before the Fall)</i>
Best Debut	Florian Gallenberger <i>Schatten der Zeit (Shadows of Time)</i>
Best Production	Bernd Eichinger <i>Der Untergang (Downfall)</i>
2003 Best Direction	Sönke Wortmann <i>Das Wunder von Bern (The Miracle of Bern)</i>
Best Screenplay	Hans-Christian Schmid, Michael Gutmann <i>Lichter (Distant Lights)</i>
Best Production	Jakob Claussen <i>Lichter (Distant Lights)</i>
Best Documentary	Byambasuren Davaa <i>Die Geschichte vom weinenden Kamel (The Story of the Weeping Camel)</i>



Best Screenplay	Luigi Falorni <i>Die Geschichte vom weinenden Kamel</i> (<i>The Story of the Weeping Camel</i>)
2002 Best Production	Uschi Reich <i>Bibi Blocksberg / Das fliegende Klassenzimmer</i>
1999 Best Young Director	Veit Helmer <i>Tuvalu</i>
1998 Best Direction	Max Färberböck <i>Aimée & Jaguar</i>
Best Screenplay	Doris Dörrie <i>Bin ich schön? (Am I Beautiful?)</i>
Best Children's or Youth Film	Caroline Link <i>Pünktchen und Anton (Annaluise & Anton)</i>
1997 Best Direction	Sönke Wortmann <i>Der Campus (Campus)</i>
Best Cinematography	Tom Fährmann <i>Der Campus (Campus)</i>
1996 Best Production	Jakob Claussen <i>Jenseits der Stille (Beyond Silence)</i>
Best Young Director	Caroline Link <i>Jenseits der Stille (Beyond Silence)</i>
1995 Best Direction	Rainer Kaufmann <i>Stadtgespräch (Talk of the Town)</i>
1993 Best Direction	Wim Wenders <i>In weiter Ferne, so nah! (Faraway, So Close!)</i>
Best Young Director	Katja von Garnier <i>Abgeschminkt! (Making Up!)</i>
Best Production	Bernd Eichinger <i>Das Geisterhaus (The House of Spirits)</i>
1991 Best Young Director	Sherry Hormann <i>Leise Schatten (Silent Shadow)</i>
1990 Best Cinematography	Axel Block <i>American Beauty Ltd.</i>
1989 Best Direction	Uli Edel <i>Letzte Ausfahrt Brooklyn (Last Exit to Brooklyn)</i>
1987 Best Direction	Wim Wenders <i>Der Himmel über Berlin (Wings of Desire)</i>
Best Young Director	Nina Grosse <i>Der gläserne Himmel</i>
1986	Bernd Eichinger



Best Production	<i>Der Name der Rose (The Name of the Rose)</i>
1984 Best Production	Bernd Eichinger <i>Die unendliche Geschichte (The NeverEnding Story)</i>
1980 Best Young Director	Peter F. Bringmann <i>Theo gegen den Rest der Welt (Theo Against the Rest of the World)</i>
1979 Best Young Director	Dominik Graf <i>Der kostbare Gast</i>

BERLINALE

2015 Honorary Golden Bear	Wim Wenders
Independent Prize <i>Dialogue en perspective</i>	Anatol Schuster <i>Ein idealer Ort (A Perfect Place)</i>
2009 Silver Bear / Jury Grand Prix	Maren Ade <i>Alle Anderen (Everyone Else)</i>
2000 Silver Bear / Jury Prize	Wim Wenders <i>The Million Dollar Hotel</i>

FIRST STEPS – Germany's Young Talent Award

Since 2000 – awarded for best graduation films from German film schools.

2015 Commercial	Ju Lee (Julie Kreutzer) <i>Walk with me</i>
2014 Feature Film	Damian John Harper <i>Los Angeles</i>
2010 Documentary	Stefan Ludwig <i>Ein Sommer voller Türen (Charity Salesmen)</i>
Commercial	Florian Friedrich Dünzen <i>Roscosmos Edition I-III</i>
2008 Feature Film – Under 60 Minutes	Mark Monheim <i>Mit sechzehn bin ich weg (With Sixteen I'll Be Gone)</i>
2007 Feature Film	Sonja Heiss <i>Hotel Very Welcome</i>
2006 Commercial	Philipp Haucke, Jens Junker <i>Kiosk I+II</i>
Short Film or Animation – Under 25 Minutes	Michael Dreher <i>Fair Trade</i>
2005 Feature Film	Benjamin Heisenberg <i>Schläfer (Sleeper)</i>
2004 Commercial	Frieder Wittich <i>Keine Gegenfrage 1-4</i>
2000 Feature Film – Under 60 Minutes	Florian Gallenberger <i>Quiero Ser</i>

EUROPEAN FILM AWARD

Since 1988 – awarded by the European Film Academy.

2011 Best Documentary	Wim Wenders <i>Pina</i>
2006 Best European Film Best Screenplay	Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck <i>Das Leben der Anderen (The Lives of Others)</i>
1999 Best Documentary	Wim Wenders <i>Buena Vista Social Club</i>
1988	Wim Wenders

Best Direction *Der Himmel über Berlin (Wings of Desire)*

CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

2014
Special Prize
Un certain regard

Wim Wenders
The Salt of the Earth

1993
Grand Prix

Wim Wenders
In weiter Ferne, so nah! (Faraway, So Close!)

1987
Best Direction

Wim Wenders
Der Himmel über Berlin (Wings of Desire)

1984
Palme d'Or

FIPRESCI International Critics Prize

Wim Wenders
Paris Texas

1976
FIPRESCI International Critics Prize

Wim Wenders
Im Lauf der Zeit (Kings of the Road)

GERMAN CINEMATOGRAPHY AWARD

2015
Feature Film

Nikolaus Summerer
Who am I – KeinSystem ist sicher

2012
Feature Film

Markus Förderer
Hell

Tv-Movie/ Docudrama

Professor Peter Zeitlinger
Verfolgt – Der kleine Zeuge

Advancement Award Cinematography

Christian Stangassinger
Silent River

2011
Honorary Cinematography Award

Professor Axel Block

1996
Honorary Cinematography Award

Professor Michael Ballhaus

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