



Award Excitement at the International Rotary Peace Film Festival “The Art of Peace: Hospitality”

The 4th International Rotary Peace Film Festival, organized by the Rotary Peace Club, concluded with an award ceremony held on May 9, 2026, at the historic Pera Museum Hall. The festival, featuring short films and documentaries under 15 minutes, received nearly 200 submissions from 50 countries this year. The submitted works explored the concept of peace through various perspectives and contexts in both short film and documentary formats. The pre-selection process, coordinated by Hayri Çölaşan, was carried out by a jury consisting of Asena Yıldırım, Melike Tomris Önder, Didem Tütüncü, and Ece Yirmibeş. The pre-jury conducted a two-stage evaluation process to determine the finalists.

The finalist films were evaluated by the main jury chaired by Tamer Levent. The jury panel included internationally recognized artist Ivan Francis Clements, actress Arzu Yanardağ from the cinema and television world, filmmaker Mert Yusuf Özlük, known for his cinematic productions, and director Shamil Aliyev, whose films have been featured at international festivals. Awards were presented in four categories: Short Film, Student Short Film, Documentary, and Student Documentary.

Award-Winning Films

In the Short Film category, the award was presented to Lyna Tadount and Sofian Chouaib from France for their film “Ya Hanouni (Ah, My Dear).”

In the Student Short Film category, the award went to Yağmur Ilgım Öztekin for her film “Kordon.”

In the Documentary category, the award was presented to Abdullah Harun İlhan for his film “Free Words: A Poet from Gaza.”

In the Student Documentary category, the award went to Hasan Hüseyin Korkmaz for his film “Antioch Milad.”

A Call for the Art of Peace

Curated by Tamer Levent, the 4th International Rotary Peace Film Festival was held under the theme “The Art of Peace: Hospitality.”

The festival regulations emphasized that peace is “a value that must be constructed like a work of art — with delicacy, care, and disciplined intellectual inquiry.”

The festival also aims to strengthen collective awareness and inspire new ideas for peace on individual, social, national, and international levels.

For more information about the festival, please visit the official website.

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