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**filmfest**  
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## **Award ceremony at the 22nd Braunschweig International film festival**

The Italian production "Concrete Romance" (Cemento armato) wins the audience award "The Heinrich" at the 22nd Braunschweig International film festival. Director Marco Martani's absorbing drama which was presented as a German premiere recounts the story of an uneven duel between a young man and a gangster boss. The prize-money of € 10,000, sponsored by Volkswagen Financial Services AG is equally divided between the director and a German distributor who decides to bring the film to German screens (world distribution Visual Factory, UK).

Winner of the French-German Youth Award KINEMA is the French father-and-daughter-comedy "Les Grandes Personnes" by director Anna Novion (distributor: Alamode Filmverleih). Presided by director Felix Randau, a jury of five young adults aged 17 to 22 selected the winner who receives a 35mm print with German subtitles of her film for festival use in Germany. The KINEMA prize is supported by the French-German Council on Culture. Patron is German actress Hanna Schygulla.

The short film music award "The Leo" went to the French film "Skhizein" by director Jérémy Clapin and composer Nicolas Martin. The jury with director Kerstin Ahlrichs, film critic Jörg Gerle, Hansjörg Kohli, head of the tv music department of the ZDF, and Ulrich Wegenast, head of the International Festival for Animated Film in Stuttgart. The prize money of 2.000 Euro, donated by the foundation Braunschweiger Land is equally divided among the director and the composer.

The festival's main prize, the European Actor Award received Swiss actor Bruno Ganz for his outstanding artistic achievements and his services to the art of the European film. The prize money of 10.000 Euro is donated by Volkswagen Financial Services AG. Ganz dedicated the prize to his friend and theater director Jochen Preen, a native of Braunschweig, who encouraged him in the early days of career at the state theater Goettingen. Ganz announced that he will donate the prize money to the organisation "doctors without borders".

During six days the filmfest presented 165 long and short films. With an audience of 23.000 in ca. 140 events the festival reached a new record.

**The award winner:**

**The European Actors Award for Bruno Ganz**

**DER HEINRICH for European debut and second features**

„Concrete Romance“

Original title: „Cemento Armato“

Italy 2007, 93 min., 35mm

director: Marco Martani

script: Fausto Brizzi, Marco Martani

camera: Marcello Montarsi

editor: Luciana Pandolfelli

music: Paolo Buonvino

Actors: Carolina Crescentini, Nicolas Vaporidis, Giorgio Faletti

production: IIF, Rai Cinema

distributor: Visual Factory

**KINEMA – The French-German Youth Award**

original title: „Les grandes personnes“

France/Sweden 2008, 84 min, 35mm

director: Anna Novion

script: Anna Novion, Béatrice Colombier, Mathieu Robin

camera: Pierre Novion

editor: Anne Souriau

music: Pascal Bideau

actors: Jean-Pierre Darroussin, Anaïs Demoustiers, Judith Henry, Lia Boysen

production: Moteur S'il Vous Plaît

distributor: Alamode Film

**DER LEO – the short film music award**

„Skhizein“

France 2008, 13 Min., 35mm

director, script & editor: Jérémy Clapin

camera: Jérémy Clapin, Jean - François Sarazin

music: Nicolas Martin

sound design: Marc Piera

animation: Jérémy Clapin, Stéphane Piera, Peggy Portal

voice: Julien Boisselier

production: Dark Prince

distributor: Unifrance