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FILMTALENT ZLÍN SUPPORTS YOUNG FILMMAKERS, 27 PROJECTS RECEIVE A TOTAL OF 1,64 MILLION CZK

A traditional event of the Zlin Film Festival, the public auction of this year's 22nd Film Clapperboards Salon took place on Sunday 26th May. This time, 123 clapperboards with works by famous artists such as Iva Hüttnerová, Kristián Kodet, Kateřina Miler and many others were offered for bidding. The biggest interest was in Jaroslav Němeček's clapperboard depicting the characters from the famous comics Čtyřlístek, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. The highest bid for this clapperboard was 85,000 Czech korunas.

The FILMTALENT Endowment Fund supports the projects of young artists and students of participating film schools (FAMU, FAMO, VŠMU, UTB Zlín, Střední škola filmová, Multimediální a PC technologie, s.r.o. Zlín) with the proceeds from the auction. *"We were presented with 85 projects. After a second round of personal presentations by their makers, we have decided to support 27 of them.",* confirms the chairman of The FILMTALENT Endowment Fund Board, Čestmír Vančura. A total amount of 1,640,000 Czech korunas will be distributed to the young artists.

This year's Film Clapperboards Salon was marked by an unprecedented interest from bidders. "*Eight of the clapperboards have been sold to international bidders. A number of qualified collectors and art dealers also took part in the auction."* , emphasised Čestmír Vančura. All of the 123 clapperboards were successfully sold with a record proceed of 2,654,000 Czech korunas.

Over the course of the 22 years of its existence, the Film Clapperboards Salon has auctioned a total of 2,492 clapperboards with total proceeds of 35,588,000 Czech korunas. The most successful clapperboard of all time entitled „Open Clapperboard Full of Desire" by Libor Vojkůvka was auctioned for 199,000 CZK.

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