



THE PANORAMA AUDIENCE AWARDS GO TO *INSYRIATED* AND *I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO*

Description

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The public has cast its votes: the 19th *Panorama* Audience Awards were presented by the Berlinale *Panorama* section in collaboration with radioeins and for the first time in co-operation with rbb television (Berlin-Brandenburg Broadcasting). They go to *Insyriated* by Philipp Van Leeuw for best fiction film and *I Am Not Your Negro* by Raoul Peck for best documentary.

Insyriated is a tautly-constructed chamber drama about trying to live a normal life in a war zone. It is the second film starring Hiam Abbass that has won the *Panorama* Audience Award (she also played the lead in Eran Riklis's *Lemon Tree* in 2008).

Raoul Peck's filmic essay *I Am Not Your Negro* about James Baldwin and his three assassinated friends – civil rights activists Medgar Evers, Martin Luther King, and Malcolm X – has also been nominated for an Academy Award as Best Documentary Feature.

The official award ceremony will be held at 5 pm on Sunday, February 19 in CinemaxX 7 at Potsdamer Platz. The prizes will be awarded by rbb director Patricia Schlesinger. Knut Elstermann, radioeins film expert, and *Panorama* curator Wieland Speck will host the event. Directly after the ceremony, the winning fiction film will be shown. The *Panorama Dokumente* winner will be screened at 8 pm, also in CinemaxX 7.

The *Panorama* Audience Award has been given since 1999. Since 2011, not only the best fiction film but also the best documentary film have received awards. During the festival, moviegoers are asked to rate the films shown in *Panorama* on voting cards after the screenings. In 2017 a total of 29,000 votes were cast and counted.

This year *Panorama* presented 50 feature-length films from 43 countries, of which 21 screened in the *Panorama Dokumente* series.

Panorama Audience Award Winner Fiction Film 2017

Insyriated

Belgium / France / Lebanon 2017

By Philippe Van Leeuw

2nd place Panorama Audience Award Fiction Film 2017

Karera ga Honki de Amu toki wa (Close-Knit)

Japan 2017

By Naoko Ogigami

3rd place Panorama Audience Award Fiction Film 2017

1945

Hungary 2017

By Ferenc Török

Panorama Audience Award Winner Panorama Dokumente 2017

I Am Not Your Negro

France / USA / Belgium / Switzerland 2016

By Raoul Peck

2nd place Panorama Audience Award Panorama Dokumente 2017

Chavela

USA 2017

By Catherine Gund, Daresha Kyi

3rd place Panorama Audience Award Panorama Dokumente 2017

Istiyad Ashbah (Ghost Hunting)

France / Palestine / Switzerland / Qatar 2017

By Raed Andoni



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