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Queer Lion Award to "José" by Li Cheng



The Queer Lion Award was founded in 2007 thanks to Daniel N. Casagrande and Marco Müller, as a collateral award recognising the “Best Film with Homosexual & Queer Culture Themes” during the **Venice International Film Festival**. The award – supported from the start by former M.P. and LGBT activist Franco Grillini – is fully endorsed, since 2012 by Alberto Barbera, current Director of the Festival.

The **Queer Lion Award 2018** was given to "José" by Li Cheng on 7 September at Villa degli Autori, by the jury composed of: **Brian Robinson** (UK) BFI Flare: London LGBT Film Festival, British Film Institute, **Rita Fabbri** (Italy) Radio Ca' Foscari, Università Ca' Foscari, and **Jani Kuštrin** (Slovenia) LGBT activist.

The common **motivation** of the award is: "*Sensitively written and beautifully performed, this passionate portrait of a young man's journey in search of emotional fulfillment, shows the complexity of a same-sex relationship against the background of the harsh life in contemporary Guatemala*".

Other films that were in competition for the Queer Lion Award: **C'est ça l'amour** by Claire Burger (France, 98'), **The Favourite** by Yorgos Lanthimos (UK, Ireland, Usa, 120'), **The Other Side of the Wind** by Orson Welles (Usa, France, Iran, 122', 1970-1976, 2018), **Suspiria** by Luca Guadagnino (Italy, Usa, 152'), **Zen sul ghiaccio sottile** di Margherita Ferri (Italia, 90'), **La quietud** by Pablo Trapero (Argentina, 117'), **Bêtes blondes** (Real Love) by Alexia Walther, Maxime Matray (France, 100'), **Tchelovek kotorij udivil vseh** (The Man Who Surprised Everyone) by Natasha Merkulova, Aleksey Chupov (Russia, Estonia, France, 105'), and **Kucumbu tubuh indahku** (Memories of My Body) by Garin Nugroho (Indonesia, 105').

More info on the plot of [José](#)

We remember our [Global Campus Visual Contest](#), open until 1 December 2018, that aims to create a platform to celebrate diversity of gender and sexual orientation identities: "*Free and equal in dignity and rights: images of the everyday lives of LGBTIQ+ persons*".

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