

Winner of the British Shorts Jury Award 2022: Pompeii by Marco Alessi, Matthew Jacobs Morgan and Harry Lighton



Jury Statement

The film we chose was the one we delved into the deepest in our discussions. It's a film we could all connect to, due to the way it deliberately portrays a main character full of insecurities, who doesn't only make like-able choices. Breaking through the shallow and often judgmental position of a social media user, the filmmakers let us become part of these characters' night, accompanying our main character through intimate and difficult moments whilst at the same time allowing us to see multiple perspectives. We really like that it shines a light on exclusionary elements in a subtle and non-cliché way, without being afraid to show a darker side of a community. The winning film augments our roles as viewers and shows that Instagram-Stories can leave an impact for far longer than 24 hours: Congratulations to "Pompeii"!

The Jury

Dela Dabulamanzi (actor, artistic direction Label Noir),

Seda GÜngör (actor),

Genia Krassnig (producer, X Filme Creative Pool)

Elinor Lewy (festival curator Final Girls Berlin, filmmaker, film journalist)