

Special Jury Mention, British Shorts 2026: Milk by Miranda Stern



Jury Statement

An intimate, honest portrait in search of the self and a mother the filmmaker never had the chance to get to know due to her early death.

This documentary is an attempt to give form to the filmmaker's grief and long-standing speechlessness it left behind.

Using simple cinematic means and striking editing, she weaves together the many puzzle pieces and time levels of a life into a larger, compelling whole. A captivating panopticon of her own addiction, self-love, and the desire to become a mother – Milk by Miranda Stern.

The Jury

Sascha Hilpert – Writer & Director, eg. Formen moderner Erschöpfung, 2025

Sinem Kılıç – Philosopher and culture journalist, eg. Die Zeit

Judy Landkammer – Director & Editor, eg. The Teaches of Peaches, Teddy Award Berlinale 2024

Aslı Özarslan – Writer & Director, eg. Ellbogen, Best First Feature Award Berlinale 2024