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Award winners announced for the Nordic Talents 2018

The awards ceremony for the 18th Nordic Talents was held last night at the National Film School of Denmark, co-host of the event with Nordisk Film & TV Fond.

Winner of the 250,000 Nordic Talents Pitch Prize 2018

Fanny Ovesen from the Norwegian Film School for her fiction project *Laura*.
Graduation film: *She-pack*.

Jury statement: "We award the top prize to a filmmaker who we think has demonstrated huge talent with a very strong graduation film. We're confident she has a clear vision of the story she wants to tell, and we can't wait to see how she explores the complex themes of victimization and blame, and truth and memory."

Ex-æquo winners Nordic Talents Special Mention, awarded each NOK 50,000:

-Brwa Vahabpour from the Norwegian Film School, for his fiction project *Silence*.
Graduation film *The Shepherd*.

Jury statement: "The director's short film showed us his can touch on big topics with a light touch. We look forward to seeing how he can take such a personal family history and tell a universal story."
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-Teresia Fant from the Norwegian Film School, for her documentary/cross-media project *Stories from the Shower*. Graduation documentary film *Viva Løten*.

Jury statement: "This project has the power to impact people's lives directly. We think the director has already demonstrated how well she can work with young people and get them to open up with their innermost thoughts. We were also impressed with the social media outreach that she plans with the project."

This year's jury consisted of directors Marja Pyykkö (Finland), Izer Aliu (Norway), Jørgen Lerdam (Denmark), Swedish Film Institute Feature Film Commissioner Madeleine Ekman (Sweden), and Nordic correspondent for Screendaily, Nordic film scout for the San Sebastian Film Festival and programmer for the British Council Wendy Mitchell (UK).

Fifteen projects from Nordic film and TV graduation students were competing for this year's Nordic Talents awards. Click [HERE](#) to read about all the projects.

Previous Nordic Talents winning projects that turned into award-winning first features include Hlynur Pálmason's *Winter Brothers*, Gustav Möller's *The Guilty*, Maria Bäck's *I Remember You* and Rúnar Rúnarsson's *Volcano*.

To watch the awards ceremony, check our Facebook page and for further information about NORDIC TALENTS, check <http://www.nordiskfilmogtvfond.com/events/nordic-talents/2018>