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Writers Merja Aakko and Mika Ronkainen win the 2019 Nordisk Film & TV Fond Prize for ALL THE SINS

MERJA AAKKO and MIKA RONKAINEN, writers of ALL THE SINS/KAIKKI SYNNIT, are the recipients of the 2019 Nordisk Film & TV Fond Prize – this was announced at a ceremony during the TV Drama Vision event at Göteborg Film Festival tonight.

This year's award is the third annual award for outstanding writing of a Nordic drama series, funded by Nordisk Film & TV Fond. The NOK 200 000 prize is awarded to the main writers of the series.

An addictively intriguing crime thriller about complex relationships and small town prejudices. After a ten-year absence, Detective Lauri Räihä is sent to investigate the murders of two men in the small northern town where he grew up. Lauri seeks answers to the case only to discover other truths about himself, his home town, and whether one has the power to forgive all sins.

Scriptwriter Merja Aakko worked 15 years as a journalist specialized in human interest stories and social issues before she entered film industry. ALL THE SINS is her debut TV drama series

Mika Ronkainen (b. 1970) is a writer-director who works with fiction, documentaries and theatre. All the Sins is Ronkainen's debut TV drama series. Ronkainen was selected among Variety's Ten European Directors to Watch in 2013. He won the Dragon Award for Best Nordic Documentary at Göteborg Film Festival in 2013 for Finnish Blood Swedish Heart.

Jury statement:

"The jury had a difficult time deciding between six very different shows that all showed creative ambition and a desire to move Nordic drama forward.

In the end we decided to give the award to the show that in our opinion took the most risks in storytelling and originality in character development.

The winning series showed us a community under pressure and found new ways to deconstruct and play with the crime genre.

The 2019 Nordisk TV Fond Prize goes to ALL THE SINS"

This year's jury consisted of Christina Jeurling Birro, Sweden, journalist and producer of podcast Pop Culture Confidential; Laura Birn, Finland, actress "The Innocents", "Purge", Justin Judd, USA, content consultant at Hulu and Alexander Karim, Sweden, actor "The Lawyer", "Zero Dark Thirty".

ALL THE SINS/KAIKKI SYNNIT credits:

Finland, 2018, 6 episodes x 45 mins

Writer: Merja Aakko, Mika Ronkainen

Director: Mika Ronkainen

Producer: Ilkka Matila

Produced by MRP Matila Röhr Productions Oy for Elisa Viihde

International distributor: SKY Vision

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