

## When Emerging Talent is valuable

A festival as well established as the GironaFilmFest, in its 36th edition, continues to promote the so-called "emerging talent". As the Festival director, Lluís Valentí, points out: "The Girona Film Festival promotes the talent of filmmakers and their artistic creation, with a noble content of human values and deep thought (...) Since 1989, we have been a film festival dedicated to talent from all over the world, without limitations of any kind, neither of genre, style, theme, duration, format... the talent cannot be limited."

And for all this, it also hosts the FICGLB Award (Barcelona International LGTIBQ+ Film Festival) with a Jury made up of members of the associations that form part of the Municipal Council of the Girona City Council. This year, the participation of the GLG (Girona Lesbian Group), LGTBI Families, FAGC (Gay Liberation Front of Catalonia), LGTBI Space and the Girona Trans Association should be highlighted. The president of this Jury has been the film and theatre actress and casting director Mercè Espelleta. In other years, the Jury has been chaired by Judith Colell, president of the Catalan Film Academy, the writer Esther Fabrellas or Rosa Maria Vilaseca, president of the GLG.

The film **CAPITANES** by Kevin Castellano and Edu Hirschfeld (Spain 2024) has received the FICGLB Award for the denunciation it shows in a political, social and sexist context in which we live with the extreme right and the message for the world of football that it threatens the masses.

The Special Mention has been awarded to the film **INTERCAMBIO** by Amaia Yoldi (Spain 2024) for the reality that it unfortunately exposes of the past, present and future of the trans world and its work environment.

Both short films, which highlight the power of vindication that some talented young filmmakers express in just a few minutes. **Xavier-Daniel**, member of FIPRESCI and ACCEC.

