

AWARDS

The Grand Prix award for the best overall performance is awarded to the play *Why Does Mr. R. Run Amok?* directed by Bobo Jelčić, Yugoslav Drama Theatre, Belgrade, Serbia.

The play is a complete, polyphonic, multi-layered, emotional and witty collective stage decision. It is not easy to reinterpret a film and convert another medium into a fully integrated and independent performance that only relies on the specific energy of the eponymous film. From there, the ensemble achieved a synchronized, perfectly rhythmic collective acting. They achieved a character individuality that functioned perfectly in a collective rhythm and cathartic stage interaction.

Every aspect of the performance makes for an impeccable solution for the prolonged state of mind of the main character versus the partnering characters: monological alienation, logorrhea and recitative; in opposition to loss, vagueness, unfinished constructions, and unpredictable statics, which burst into the sudden escapism of dance music, only to explode in a familial murder.

The problem of postdramatic politics and misunderstood humanity in this performance is transformed into absurdity and tragicomedy that shakes us emotionally, which is reflected through the skills of the lead actor and the unexpected choice of his on-stage actions.

The Special Award of the City of Kragujevac is (equally) awarded to Bojana Milanović and Sonja Isailović for the roles of Janis Joplin in the play *Who Killed Janis Joplin?*, Serbian National Theatre, Novi Sad, Serbia, directed by Sonja Petrović.

Bojana and Sonja accomplished flawless acting achievements and convinced us with their hearty energy, intimate dancing and explosive singing. They completely and extremely vividly revived the title character who perished by the well-known saying "live fast, die young."

All decisions were made unanimously.

Andrei Măjeri, theatre director (Romania)

Nikola Milojević, actor (Serbia)

Ivanka Apostolova Baskar, visual dramaturg (North Macedonia), the jury president

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