

Heavy attention for 2nd DenizBank First Script First Movie Competition

In an effort to spread culture and arts across larger audience of society, the applications for '2nd DenizBank First Script First Movie Competition' held by DenizBank by enriching the scope of it in cooperation with TÜRSAK Association ended. As the interest in the competition was very high, 355 applications that were technically eligible were made. As part of the competition, the top 3 winners of script and mansion prizes will be selected as a result of the consideration of the juries.

The competition will also feature a panel for the first time with the participation of Yan Qingxiue, and award winner directors of China and David Bourla, script writer of many Hollywood movies in order to boost the support in terms of script. Bourla will offer script consultancy for the winner script writer.

DenizBank also continues its efforts to make every branch of culture and arts accessible to society as part of its social responsibility vision. To this extent, the Bank launches the second year of 'DenizBank First Script First Movie Competition' which was organized for the first time last year with Turkey Cinema and Audiovisual Culture Association (TÜRSAK), providing an original platform for talented scriptwriters.

As part of the competition, while 355 technically eligible applications were delivered, 20 projects to pass the assessment made by the pre jury will be subject to the second assessment by the main jury that is chaired by **Tevfik Başer**, and composed of **Birce Akalay, Damla Sönmez, İbrahim Altınsay, Mehmet Aslantuğ, Melisa Sözen, Nuran Evren Şit, Perihan Yücel, Prof. Dr. Nurçay Türkoğlu, Serdar Akar, Tayfun Pirselimioğlu** and **Turgut Yasalar**. The top three scripts and mansions determined following the assessment by the main jury will be announced on the award ceremony night in September.

The top winner will be awarded with 30.000 TL cash prize and script consultancy by the accomplished David Bourla, the 2nd winner with 15.000 TL cash prize and script consultancy from a Turkish script writer and the third winner with 10.000 TL and script consultancy from a Turkish script writer. Additionally, the three scriptwriters selected by the jury will be awarded a mansion plaque as a symbol of their participation in the competition and of their work being available for improvement.

Top winning script will get a chance to be made into a movie

As different from last year, the competition will feature stages to renew the winning scripts. In this line, the scriptwriter of the top three projects will carry out a comprehensive study that covers at least three stages to improve the scripts. Following the meetings with the consultant, while the script writers continue to improve their scripts until the script consultant decides to end it, the cash prize that is earned will be granted gradually as the working stages are completed. The scripts that are finalized will be sent to international competitions and supporting institutes with the assistance of TÜRSAK Association. The top winner script will also be submitted to the script department of Taff Production Company and made into a movie if accepted at the end of the assessment.

Within the scope of 2nd DenizBank First Script First Movie Competition, a panel organization will be organized in order to increase the support in the script area. During the panel with a focus on script consultancy, a joint work will be carried out with script writers and script institutes that operate overseas. As part of this work, an award winning director of China, Yan Qingxiu and David Bourla who has written scripts for a number of Hollywood movies will be attending the panel with the winning script writers.

About Türsak

Founded in 1991 with the participation of 215 recognized members from cinema, television, fine arts, media, business and politics, Turkey Cinema and Audiovisual Culture Association – TÜRSAK is an autonomous association that fulfilled its 25th year.

Having raised tens of valuable directors, hundreds of cinema students and sector employees so far, TÜRSAK Association has earned the sector many qualified people. On the other hand, generating hundreds of international festival projects, the association also realized the International Antalya Film Festival from 2005 to 2008 which is one of the highest caliber and largest projects for the international promotion of Turkey. Moving in line with its guidelines and principles since the day it was founded with the sole purpose of serving the public, TÜRSAK Association raises awareness for the masses and also contributes to the sovereign economy through its organizations. TÜRSAK Association is managed by a new board chaired by Fehmi Yaşar since May, 2015. Aiming to bring the association towards a more transparent, more professional and more innovative future, the new management aims to update the current projects and launch new ones based on the needs.

About DenizBank

DenizBank was established in 1938 as a state economic enterprise aimed at funding of the developing Turkish maritime sector. In the early 1997, DenizBank was acquired by the Zorlu Holding in the form of banking license from the Privatization Administration and in October 2006, a leading European financial group, Dexia incorporated it to its structure. For 6 years, DenizBank operated in Dexia's main shareholding and since 28 September 2012, continues providing services under the umbrella of Russia's largest and well-rooted bank, Sberbank. DenizBank has become one of the remarkable banks of Turkey in a short period of time. DenizBank Financial Services Group was established in 2003 in order to create a "financial supermarket" accumulating various financial services under one roof. There are totally 733 branches within DenizBank Financial Services Group operating in 81 provinces of Turkey and abroad employing close to 15 thousand people. DenizBank Financial Services Group consists of DenizBank, seven domestic, three international financial subsidiaries, five domestic non-financial subsidiaries, and a branch in Bahrain. Deniz Investment Securities, Deniz Real Estate Investment Trust, DenizPortfolio Management, DenizLeasing, DenizFactoring, Destek Asset Management Company, Intertech, Deniz Kültür, Deniz Card Payment Systems, Açık Deniz Radio – TV and Bantaş are the group's domestic subsidiaries while Eurodeniz, DenizBank AG and DenizBank Moscow are its international subsidiaries.

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