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EFP Presents a New Generation of European Filmmakers including two Student Academy Award Winners at KVIFF 2019

**EFP FUTURE FRAMES - Generation NEXT of European Cinema** highlights outstanding, emerging directing talents by presenting ten film students and graduates and their often award-winning work at the **54th Karlovy Vary International Film Festival** (KVIFF) in the Czech Republic (June 28 - July 6,2019). With its special attention to a young cinema, the festival is the perfect place for **EFP** to promote the directors and their work. Thanks to the national film promotion institutes, who nominated their most interesting young talents, and the final selection undertaken by KVIFF's artistic director **Karel Och** and program coordinator **Anna Purkrabkova**,the initiative has established itself as an important platform for discovering exciting new European directors. **EFP FUTURE FRAMES** is supported by the **Creative Europe – Media** Programme of the European Union and the respective EFP member organisations.

The fifth edition of **EFP**'s fruitful cooperation with the festival introduces the filmmakers and their films to the public, film industry and press during the four-day event which runs from June 30 – July 3. The participants will take part in a master class and meetings with industry experts from various fields in order to build up their international network, receiving further support for their careers thanks to EFP's new cooperation with **Festival Scope** and the long-term partnership with the main media partner **Variety** and partners **Cineuropa**, **Film New Europe** and **Fred Film Radio**.

The two filmmakers, who had already been awarded with a Student Academy Award in 2018, are the Swedish director **Jonatan Etzler** whoreceived the Student Oscar in Gold for his refreshingly unpredictable thriller about teen angst, social media and fame, ***Get Ready with Me***. His Hungarian colleague **István Kovács** received the Bronze award for his drama about war-torn Sarajevo, ***A Siege***. Also garnering many awards is ***Precious*** by **Irfan Avdić** from Bosnia & Herzegovina, telling the story of teenager Alem, who is torn between a life of crime and taking care of his grandmother. Celebrating its world premiere at KVIFF is ***Playing*** by Czech filmmaker **Lun Sevnik** (born in Slovenia) whose protagonists – 16-year-old friends Boris and Hugo – set up a livestream video and announce that they will commit suicide in an hour's time. Siblings Leah (14) and Theo (10) – ***The Last Children of Paradise*** – live alone with their grandmother in a remote farmhouse. A sad incident turns the kids' life upside down in German director **Anna Roller’s** drama.

**Signe Birkova** from Latvia uses a futuristic set-up and experimental elements for her film ***He Was Called Chaos Bērziņš*** about an alien abduction and UFO experts. **Eileen Byrne** – born in Luxembourg – has studied Film in the UK and Luxembourg. With ***Touch Me****,* she explores the pressures a cancerous disease puts on a relationship. Slovak filmmaker **Gregor Valentovič** presents his graduation film ***Kid*** about keeping friendships even when life goes separate ways. Colombian-born **Jorge Cadena** studied film in Buenos Aires and Geneva and has presented all his films at festivals, including ***The Jarariju Sisters*** at the Berlin International Film Festival. Using recollections from his childhood, he uses a fictional story about two sisters to show the environmental devastation caused by a coal mine. Also taking on environmental issues is UK filmmaker **Natalie Cubides-Brady** in ***Beyond the North Win: A Post Nuclear Reverie***, a hybrid documentary about the decommissioning of a nuclear plant in Scotland.

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**Films and their directors presented in FUTURE FRAMES 2019**

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| **Country** | **DIRECTOR** | **ENGLISH TITLE** | **EFP MEMBER ORGANISATION** |
| Bosnia & Herzegovina | Irfan Avdić | Precious | Association of Filmmakers of Bosnia & Herzegovina |
| Czech Republic | Lun Sevnik | Playing | Czech Film Center |
| Germany | Anna Roller | The Last Children of Paradise | German Films |
| Hungary | István Kovács | A Siege | Hungarian National Film Fund |
| Latvia | Signe Birkova | He Was Called Chaos Bērziņš | National Film Centre of Latvia |
| Luxembourg | Eileen Byrne | Touch Me | Film Fund Luxembourg |
| Slovak Republic | Gregor Valentovič | Kid | Slovak Film Institute |
| Sweden | Jonatan Etzler | Get Ready with Me | Swedish Film Institute |
| Switzerland | Jorge Cadena | The Jarariju Sisters | Swiss Films |
| United Kingdom | Natalie Cubides-Brady | Beyond the North Winds: A Post Nuclear Reverie | British Council |

Partners of **FUTURE FRAMES 2019** are AMC Networks and Nespresso.

**Interviews** with this year's **FUTURE FRAMES** participants will be published by EFP's main media partner Variety and media partners Cineuropa and Film New Europe.

**Detailed information about FUTURE FRAMES 2019** at [**www.efp-online.com**](http://www.efp-online.com/)

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