



23rd ShorTS International Film Festival

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Aurora Giovinazzo, who makes her film debut in Gabriele Mainetti's film *Freaks Out* (2021), is to be awarded the Premio Prospettiva 2022 Award of the ShorTS International Film Festival.

The young actress will receive the award during the 23rd Festival, to be held in Trieste from 1 to 9 July 2022.



The **ShorTS International Film Festival**, historic film event in Trieste organised by Associazione Maremetraggio and scheduled **from 1 to 9 July 2022**, has announced the **Premio Prospettiva 2022** award. The prestigious prize, in this the **23rd year** of the Festival, is to be given to **Aurora Giovinazzo**, who will not only receive the award but is also to headline in a public interview on her work.

A professional actress since 2010, Aurora Giovinazzo was born in Rome in 2002 and has worked in various dramas for Rai 1 and Mediaset since she was a child. In 2020 she made her film debut in the role of Matilde in Gabriele Mainetti's film *Freaks Out*. In the same year she could be seen on the Amazon Prime Video platform as lead player in *Anni da cane* by Fabio Mollo. She has also recently finished filming *L'uomo sulla strada*, a debut feature by Gianluca Mangiasciutti.

For her performance in *Freaks Out*, the young and promising actress has been awarded several prizes, including the new IMAIE Talent Award and the RB Casting prize, in addition to her recent nomination for the David di Donatello for Best Actress in a Leading Role. **And it is for *Freaks Out* that Aurora Giovinazzo will receive the Premio Prospettiva award at the 23rd ShortS International Film Festival.**

This is what the actress said about the award: "I am very honoured to receive this prize, first of all because the film I am winning it for, *Freaks Out* by Gabriele Mainetti, is a film I am very attached to, and then because it is an award that many actors and actresses I greatly respect have won before me. I am really happy to be able to receive it in Trieste this summer".

Freaks Out, Gabriele Mainetti's second feature, co-written with his lifelong friend and screenwriter Nicola Guaglianone, was in competition at the Venice Film Festival (2021), where it won the Leoncino d'Oro, the Premio Lizzani and numerous other awards. It is competing with 16 candidates for the next David di Donatello Awards, to be presented in Rome on 3 May.

The film, set in occupied Rome in 1943, follows the story of a small group of circus performers with exceptional skills - Matilde (Aurora Giovinazzo), Cencio (Pietro Castellitto), Fulvio (Claudio Santamaria) and Mario (Giancarlo Martini) who all perform in the offbeat circus of Israel (Giorgio Tirabassi), who holds this bizarre family trying to survive in a world devastated by war together. Israel's disappearance leaves the quartet disoriented and at the mercy of dark forces, eager to use their powers for sinister purposes. The trust that binds the protagonists will be put to the test when they find themselves unwillingly embroiled in events that could change the course of history.

Festival ShortS IFF co-director Maurizio di Rienzo points out: "We see strength and adaptability in Aurora Giovinazzo, and not only in her magnetic and all-embracing performance in Gabriele Mainetti's *Freaks Out*. Although still very young, this striking and very promising actress has for years shown us her eclectic career in the area of cinema, TV drama and series that include group comedies and family dramas, a process only just beginning but already characterised by her peculiar expressiveness, including that of her facial features, and Mediterranean-style energy".

Since its inception, the **Premio Prospettiva** has specifically staked on the future of the young talents that the Trieste event identifies each year. Through this award, ShorTS will once again in 2022 turn the spotlight on a **young promise of Italian cinema**. A wager which has been confirmed over the years by the careers of the various winners of this award, among whom the Festival numbers **Alba Rohrwacher, Luca Marinelli, Michele Riondino, Matilda De Angelis, Daphne Scoccia, Sharon Carocchia, Jacopo Olmo Antinori, Francesco Di Napoli, Giulio Pranno and Luka Zunic**.

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