



Grand Jury Documentary Competition Statement 2023

For the unique lens that subverts images of war, from a filmmaker who turns her evocative camera onto herself and the women of her country for whom everyday resilience is the language of hope. This is an important film of and for our times that must be watched widely. The special mention goes to DREAM'S GATE.

Complicated and complex, this dramatic film balances two worlds, delivering a visually cinematic and thought-provoking examination of the definition of justice. Layering tough and necessary questions on top of one another, the film builds a balanced case, forcing the viewer to confront their own interpretation of what it means to be both a victim and a perpetrator.

Throughout it all, we are guided by a fascinating and charismatic lawyer who we follow from monochromatic courtrooms to vibrant villages as they remind us of the importance of both the cultural and historical context that is at the center of this landmark case.

The jury awards the 2023 Grand Jury Documentary Award to THEATRE OF VIOLENCE directed by Lukasz Konopa and Emil Langballe.