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Tomorrow the award ceremony of the Bitfilm Festival will be held at Planetarium Hamburg

- 91 Films from 25 Countries Competed for Online Votes
- Prize Money of 10,000 Euros
- Six Robot Trophies for the Winners
- Some Tickets Still Available

From Wednesday, July 9 onwards, the Planetarium Hamburg will be the centre of the digital film universe. For the ninth time the Bitfilm Festival will award the best digital films of this planet. The pre-selection was made by an international committee consisting of film professionals from the USA, the UK, France, Hungary, Israel and Germany. The final decision on the awards was made democratically by an online vote. The cumulated prize money is 10,000 Euros, donated by the Cultural Authority of the State of Hamburg. Every award winner also receives a robot trophy donated by Hasbro.



More than 120,000 visitors from 141 countries have visited the Bitfilm Online Festival since May 1 to watch the 91 nominated films and vote for them. The climax of the festival will be the three-day event at Planetarium Hamburg. There are still some tickets available for the award show which may be booked for 35 Euros at www.planetarium-hamburg.de. The price includes the most popular films of the six competitions on the big dome, live music, drinks and snacks. From July 10 onwards you may see the ranking of the films at www.bitfilm.com/festival.

The winners among the participants are already known: Maria Tereshenko from Moscow has won the main prize, a virtual luxury apartment in the 3D world Twinity. Iain Anderson from Mount Nebo (Australia), Alon Gaash from Jerusalem and Claus-Peter Niemann from Hamburg will each receive a Bitropolis jacket. Furthermore three CD compilations „Shabbat Night Fever“ with Hip-Hop, Funk and Breakbeats from Israel have found their future owners.

On July 10 and 11 all nominated films from the competition's five categories 3D SPACE (computer generated 3D animations), FX MIX (digitally mixed films), FLASH (Internet animations), MACHINIMA (films shot inside computer games) and REALTIME (films rendered on the spot) will be shown on the big 360° dome of *Planetarium Hamburg*. The films from the festival's sixth category, MOBILE (clips for mobile devices), can be downloaded for free to any mobile phone.

The exact schedule is available at www.bitfilm.com/festival/hamburg. Bitfilm's Partner Skoda will provide a free shuttle service between the Borgweg underground station and the Planetarium, which is located in the central park of Hamburg.