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2024 Milka and Metod Badjura Award goes to Zvonka Makuc

The Festival of Slovenian Film Portorož traditionally presents an award for lifetime achievement in cinema. Last year, the name of the accolade was expanded to Milka and Metod Badjura Award to highlight the often-overlooked contribution of the film director and editor Milka Badjura, and symbolically reunite the leading Slovenian filmmaking couple, whose collaborative work is often impossible to separate or attribute to any one of them.

We are happy to announce that **this year's judges** – Lija Pogačnik, Špela Čadež, Sonja Prosenc, Andrej Košak, and Milena Zupančič – have decided to give the 2024 Milka and Metod Badjura Award to **costume designer Zvonka Makuc**, whose work has contributed to numerous Slovenian and international feature films of various genres, many of which have won awards at film festivals.

Zvonka's first film, *Hang On, Doggy* (Sreča na vrvi), is one of the most popular works of Slovenian cinema and has influenced generations. She was also the costume designer for *Guardian of the Frontier* (Varuh meje), the first Slovenian feature film by female director, Maja Weiss. Makuc has been renowned as a master of historical costume design. One of her most remarkable works is the costume design for *The Windhunter* (Veter v mreži), a film by Filip Robar Dorin set during World War I, for which she was awarded the Metod Badjura Prize at the Week of Slovenian Film in Celje. She created a masterpiece for *Piran - Pirano*, a feature directed by Goran Vojnovič, by insightfully intertwining the World War II period with the present day. She is also credited with contributing to the most prestigious award in the world of cinema, the Academy Award, having designed costumes for Danis Tanović's *No Man's Land*. In addition to her work on film, Makuc has created a series of costume designs for almost all theatres in Slovenia; she has collaborated with various directors and created costume designs for a large number of TV series, TV films, TV dramas, documentaries, short films, and educational programmes.

The award will be presented at the festival opening gala on **22 October** in the Main Hall of Avditorij Portorož.

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