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2021 CINEEUROPE GOLD AWARDS RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

BRUSSELS, NEW YORK – July 2021: The International Union of Cinemas (UNIC) and the Film Expo Group are delighted to announce the 2021 recipients of the CineEurope Gold Awards, given to cinema professionals for their outstanding dedication and service to the sector. The Awards will be presented as part of the CineEurope Awards Ceremony on Thursday 7 October at the Centre de Convencions Internacional de Barcelona (CCIB) in Barcelona, Spain.

The Gold Awards, introduced at CineEurope 2018, recognise those individuals who have in the opinion of their peers made an exceptional contribution both to the ongoing success of their company or organisation but also to the wider European cinema industry.

The recipients of the 2021 Gold Awards are as follows:

Hanna Dobsław, Theatre Manager, Cineplex Alhambra, Berlin, Germany
Alexander Kuznetsov, COO, KARO Cinema Chain, Russia
Ulf Jansson, CTO, Winberg Kino, Sweden
Jon Nutton, Marketing Director, Empire Cinemas, UK
Angeles San Gabino, Former Managing Director, FECE
Alain Surmulet, Technical Director, Noé Cinemas, France
Dee Vassili, Executive Director, Group HR, VUE International, UK
Martin Waller, Group Food and Beverage Director, ODEON Cinemas Group, UK

The 2021 recipients were meant to receive this recognition at CineEurope 2020, but due to the unavoidable cancellation of that event, their Awards have been held over to this year.

Welcoming the announcement, UNIC President **Phil Clapp** said:

“On behalf of UNIC members, I would like to congratulate each of the awardees for this great achievement and thank them for their hard work and dedication to the European cinema industry. These Awards underline - especially in times like this - just how much the recovery and success of our industry relies on its people; on their passion, expertise and commitment.

We are looking forward to celebrating with the Gold Awardees at CineEurope in October!”

“The Gold Awards were started by UNIC and CineEurope in order to recognize individuals that have served our industry in so many ways throughout their careers.” Stated **Andrew Sunshine**, Co-Managing Director of CineEurope. “On behalf of the entire Film Expo team, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the eight individuals being honored in 2021 and thank them for their contributions, hard work and dedication. Each and every one exemplifies what this award is about” continued Sunshine.

About CineEurope

CineEurope's 30th Anniversary will take place 4-7 October 2021 at the Centre Convencions Internacional Barcelona (CCIB) in Barcelona, Spain. After 30 years, CineEurope is the longest-running and most successful European convention and trade show for major, regional, and independent cinema professionals. CineEurope will feature exclusive screenings and product presentations of upcoming films, sponsored events, timely and informative seminars, and the CineEurope Trade Show. CineEurope is the Official Convention of the Union Internationale des Cinémas/International Union of Cinemas (UNIC).

About UNIC

The Union Internationale des Cinémas/International Union of Cinemas (UNIC) represents the interests of cinema trade associations and cinema operators covering 38 countries in Europe and neighbouring regions.

About Film Expo Group

The Film Expo Group is the premier organizer of events in the motion picture industry. The Film Expo Group produces CineEurope, held in Barcelona; ShowEast, held in Miami; and CineAsia, held in Bangkok.

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