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Czech short movie *Pa'lante* directed by David Van received an award for the Best International Short Film at Evolution! Mallorca International Film Festival 2020.

The first public screening of *Pa'lante* movie took place on 25th October at *Centre Cultural la Misericordia* at *Evolution! Mallorca International Film Festival* in Spain in the presence of director and screenwriter David Van and light designer Michal Hor Horáček. During 7 festival days, more than 3 000 visitors could see more than 100 movies. Unfortunately, the festival could not be held on a normal scale due to contemporary epidemiologic measures. Guest of honor was actress Angela Molina or Oscar award-winning director Fernando Trueba.

Director David Van said about his movie: *“The story is inspired by a real event that took place within my close circle of people. Above all, I found it interesting to fit into the protagonist a “negative hero”, and to tell his story so that the viewer could understand, or even identify with, his behavior. This is not common practice within this subject.”*

Pa'lante is a short drama with comedic elements, set in Prague. It tells the story of 26-year-old Simon, who is going through a difficult breakup. The turning point comes when he finds out that his still-beloved ex-girlfriend Johana has started dating a transsexual. In the beginning, he receives support from his best friend Jáchym in the form of parties, alcohol, and drugs, but Jáchym later finds a girlfriend and falls in love. Simon is therefore completely alone and continues to try to deal with the situation. After a crazy New Year's Eve, where he accidentally finds himself in a gay bar, he goes home and, while waiting for the subway, he finds a way to come to terms with the situation.

The movie is going to be presented at **several international film festivals**. Including:

- Izmir International Short Film Festival (Turkey)
- Cyrus Monthly Short Festival of Toronto (Canada)
- Chilliwack Independent Film Festival (Canada)
- Sunday Shorts Film Festival (United Kingdom)
- Dalmatia Film Festival (Croatia)

Pa'lante was firstly presented in October 2020 at **Inakosti Film Festival** in Bratislava, Slovakia, that was solely online due to the current epidemiological situation. Czech premiere was postponed to next year.

CAST

Šimon Pliska, Antonie Formanová, Adam Matouš, Sára Rychlíková, Martin Doucha, Anna Šefrnová, Lucie Vacovská and Martin Zbrožek

Written and directed by David Van

Cinematographer Lukáš Hausenblas

Production: Monika Kraft

Edited by: Jakub Řikovský

Costume designer: Anna Karaivanova

Make-up artist: Markéta Feigel

Architect: Matouš Janíček
Sound recordist: Ferdinand Petrš
Sound design: Ondřej Urban
Score music: David Deyl
Last song: Thom Artway
Light designer: Michal HōR
1. assistant of cinematographer: Václav Čtvrtník
Produced by David Van and Lukáš Hausenblas

Runtime: 18 minutes

For more information, visit <http://palanteshortfilm.com>, Facebook page Pa'lante A short film by David Van or Instagram palanteshortfilm.

David Van is a young director and screenwriter. For several years he worked in various positions in film and theatre, later he combined all his experience and began to use them fully in directing and screenwriting. In recent years, he has made several music videos, commercials, and several short films. David Van's last short movie *DEFORMER* (2018) got an award for **Best First-time Filmmaker** at *Portugal International Film Festival* in 2019.

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