

= Amanda Award =

The Amanda Award ( Norwegian : Amandaprisen ) is an award given annually at the Norwegian International Film Festival in Haugesund , Norway , to promote and improve Norwegian film . The award originated in 1985 , and has since 2005 been exclusively a film award ( not television ) . Winners are awarded a trophy by the Norwegian sculptor Kristian Kvakland , and the name ? and theme ? of the sculpture comes from a legendary local woman from the 1920s . The award ceremony is marked every year by a major , nationally televised , event .

= = History = =

The Amanda Award was instituted in 1985 as part of the Norwegian International Film Festival " to increase the quality of and further the interest for Norwegian films " . The year 1993 marked an exception to the norm , when the so @-@ called " Nordic Amanda " included contribution from all the Nordic countries . From 2005 onwards , TV @-@ drama was no longer included among the categories honoured , as the TV @-@ specific award " Gullruten " had taken over this function . Instead the award became exclusively for films . Around the same time another change occurred also . Since the beginning , the award ceremony had been produced in cooperation with the Norwegian state broadcasting corporation Norsk rikskringkasting ( NRK ) . In 2006 , however , NRK ended the partnership , and the show has since that time been the responsibility of the private broadcasting company TV 2 .

In the year 2007 , a " People 's Amanda " ( " Folkets Amanda " ) was awarded for the first time , where the winner was arrived at by popular vote . The first winner of the award was the horror movie *Fritt Vilt* , directed by Roar Uthaug .

= = Sculpture = =

The name " Amanda " is derived from a song , or sea shanty , titled " Amanda fra [ from ] Haugesund " . Supposedly the song in turn refers to a real woman from the 1920s ? a lone mother who made a living from selling liquor to sailors during the prohibition period .

The figurine that is awarded to prize winners originated from a competition held by the local newspaper Haugesunds Avis in 1985 , to create a sculpture of the legendary Amanda . The competition was won by Kristian Kvakland from Nesodden in Akershus . The full @-@ size sculpture now stands outside the newspaper 's office , but a miniature version was adopted as a trophy for the Amanda Award . The figurine is 30 cm ( 11 @.@ 81 in ) tall , with a skirt measuring 14 cm ( 5 @.@ 51 in ) in diameter . While the current sculpture is hollow and weighs 2 @.@ 5 kg ( 5 @.@ 51 lbs ) , for the first few years it was made of solid metal . Weighing in at 4 @.@ 5 kg ( 9 @.@ 92 lbs ) it was difficult to hoist for many winners .

It was one of these prizes that , in the year 1986 , was won by director Anja Breien , who decided to sell it through a newspaper advert , as a protest against that year 's budget cuts for Norwegian film . The Swedish Film Institute , which had experienced similar cuts and sympathized , bought the sculpture . In 2005 , as Breien was presented with an honorary award , she was also given back the original sculpture by former Minister of Culture and director of the Swedish Film Institute , Åse Kleveland .

= = Show = =

The award show has long been a central point of the film festival , as well as a major television event for the whole of Norway . Particularly in earlier years , international stars were sometimes brought in to enhance the prestige of the event . Examples of this are Roger Moore , who was a special guest at the very first ceremony in 1985 , and Diana Ross in 1987 , then married to Norwegian entrepreneur Arne Næss , Jr . Other international names appearing in the show as presenters have included Ned Beatty , Lauren Bacall , Jon Voight , Brian Cox , Jeremy Irons , Ben

Kingsley and Pierce Brosnan .

The show has in recent years been hosted by prominent Norwegian comedians . Jon Almaas , known from the TV @-@ show " Nytt på nytt " , played host for several years in the early 2000s . Thomas Giertsen , known as a stand @-@ up comedian and from several TV @-@ shows , has hosted the show in recent years . An episode that received some media attention in 2005 was when host Marit Åslein and Minister of Culture and Church Affairs from the Christian conservative party KrF , Valgerd Svarstad Haugland , kissed on stage as part of a humorous routine .

= = Awards and winners = =

The only actor ever to have won four Amanda Awards is Bjørn Sundquist . These were awarded for the movies Over grensen ( 1987 ) , Søndagsengler ( 1996 ) and Sejer - se deg ikke tilbake ( 2000 ) , as well as an Honorary Award in 2000 . Also Ane Dahl Torp has won three awards for specific acting roles ; she won Best Actress for her roles in Svarte penger - hvite løgner ( 2004 ) and Gymnaslærer Pedersen ( 2006 ) , and was the first ever to receive the newly created award for Best Actress in a Supporting Role for her effort in Lønsj in 2008 . Sverre Anker Ousdal has also been named Best Actor twice , for Kreditorerne in 1990 and Blodsband in 1998 , and won the Honorary Award in 2009 . Nils Ole Oftebro , Espen Skjønberg and Anneke von der Lippe have all been honoured twice each ? Oftebro and Skjønberg once as lead actors and once as supporting actors . Among the directors , Ola Solum , Nils Gaup , Berit Nesheim and Bent Hamer have each received two awards . Erik Gustavson has the rare distinction of having won in three different categories : for best film and best documentary , in addition to winning the special " Nordic Amanda " in 1993 . This is an accomplishment also Kjersti Holmen can claim , for winning the Best Actress award in 2000 , Best Supporting Role in 1993 , and the Honorary Award in 2009 . The only film to have won the three main awards ? best film , best actor and best actress ? is Budbringeren in 1997 .

As of 2010 , the categories awarded are :

Best Norwegian Film in Theatrical Release

Best Director ( for films in theatrical release )

The People ? s Amanda ( audience vote )

Best Actor

Best Actress

Best Actor in a Supporting Role

Best Actress in a Supporting Role

Best Children ? s and Youth Film

Best Original Screenplay

Best Cinematography

Best Sound Design

Best Music

Best Editing

Best Production Design / Scenography

Best Visual Effects

Best Short Film

Best Documentary

The foreign film of the year in Theatrical Release

The Amanda Committee 's Golden Clapper ( technical award )

The Amanda Committee 's Honorary Award