



## The SI STAR Award

The SI STAR is a bi-annual award for female filmmakers, that originated in 2015, when seven media women from the Soroptimist (SI) Club Mainz decided to devote their Soroptimist support to women who call the shots. The award honors women who are responsible for important projects in the media and film businesses, directors who are shaping the images and views of gender and diversity on screens and in cinemas. And it does so at a time, when 44% of film school graduates are women but only 22% of movies in German cinema are directed by women. The SI STAR wants to honor outstanding works by female filmmakers and bring them to further acclaim within the larger German and international film scene.

The Soroptimist Clubs of Rhineland Palatinate finance the SI STAR with 10.000 Euro. The SI Clubs of Berlin and Potsdam additionally support a promotional award. Seven Filmmakers whose latest films have been published within the last two years in the German film scene are nominated by the jury of experts from Mainz and Berlin. Their films are presented to the public in the young Film Festival FILMZ in Mainz in November.

The SI STAR has become a sought after award in the German film scene and the filmmakers nominated for it so far as well as the winners of the SI STAR awards successfully thrive in the media business and powerfully create new and diverse visions, images and stories.

The 3rd SI STAR award will be presented by the prime minister of Rhineland-Palatinate Malu Dreyer during the International Berlinale in Berlin, on February 28th 2020.

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