

TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL: THE DIVINE ORDER TAKES HOME TWO BIG AWARDS

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We are thrilled to let you know, that THE DIVINE ORDER has won two awards at Tribeca Film Festival. "The Nora Ephron Prize" for director Petra Volpe and "Best Actress in an International Narrative Feature Film" for Marie Leuenberger.

The jury commented on the selection for "The Nora Ephron Prize": *"For its intrepid and compassionate storytelling, beautiful cinematography (DP-ed by a woman), complex characterization of the female experience, seamless navigation of both drama and comedy, and true embodiment of the personal being political, we award the Nora Ephron Prize to Petra Volpe for her film The Divine Order."*

About the award for Marie Leuenberger the jury stated: *"For a performance that is patient, intelligent and graceful, that captured the liberation of a young woman the Best Actress Award goes to Marie Leuenberger for The Divine Order."*

At the yearly Swiss Film Awards on March 25th, THE DIVINE ORDER took home 3 of the mainprizes, Best Script, Best Actress and Best Supporting Actor/Actress.

The film is now at over 205.000 admissions in Switzerland, where it opened number one in its territory and beat international heavyweights such as KONG: SKULL ISLAND and BEAUTY AND THE BEAST.

THE DIVINE ORDER has been sold to Germany and Austria (Alamode Film) and China (DD Dream) with several other territories to be announced.

The film tells the heartfelt and captivating story about the fight for equal rights for women in Switzerland in 1971. It portrays Nora, a young housewife and mother, living in a quaint little village with her husband and their two sons. The Swiss countryside is untouched by the major social upheavals the movement of 1968 has brought about. Nora's life is not affected either; she is a quiet person who is liked by everybody – until she starts to publicly fight for women's suffrage, which the men are due to vote on in a ballot on February 7, 1971.

The film is produced by Reto Schaerli and Lukas Hobi for Zodiac Pictures, co-produced by Swiss Radio and Television and Teleclub with support from Swiss Federal Office of Culture, Zurich Film Foundation, Canton of Aargau, Lucerne and Appenzell Ausserrhoden, Suissimage and Migros Kulturprozent.

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