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2 Iranian films awarded at India's Woodpecker festival



TEHRAN, Sep. 24 (MNA) – Iranian animation 'Junk Girl' won Best Animation Award and 'The Earth Is Breathing' jointly won Best International Short Film Award at 4th Woodpecker International Film Festival (WIFF) in India.

'Junk Girl' directed by Shalale Kheiri and Mohammad Zare won the Best Animation Award at the Indian film festival. Made in Iranian northwestern city of Tabriz, this short

animated film is about a doll girl made of junk, who is mistreated by everyone and forced to leave her city. It is based on a poem by Tim Burton from his 'The Melancholy Death of Oyster Boy, and Other Stories'.

The animated piece has recently won the Best Experimental Animation Award at the International Motion Picture Festival in the United States.

Another Iranian production, 'The Earth is Breathing' written, directed and produced by Ali Pourisa, jointly won the Best International Short Film award with a film from Myanmar.

Pourisa's film is about a woman named Fereshteh who lives with her mother and is constantly preoccupied with their garden, until one day a secret is revealed about the garden.

The film has so far been accepted at 19 international festivals in North America, Asia and Europe.

The 4th Woodpecker International Film Festival (WIFF), as India's premier competitive film festival focusing on issue-based cinema, was held in New Delhi on 15-18 September, 2016.

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