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Graduates of the world's newest International Film Lab will vie for more than \$100,000 in production prizes at a pitching event in Jerusalem on July 6. Up-and-coming directors and producers from the Jerusalem International Film Lab will present 12 full-length film projects before an international panel of judges and industry professionals. The following day, the winners will be announced at a gala ceremony.

The Jerusalem International Film Lab, established in 2011 at the initiative of the Sam Spiegel Film & Television School-Jerusalem, was created to foster the writing of full-length feature films by the world's most promising young filmmakers. The highly competitive program brought talented young director-writers to Jerusalem from Israel and across the globe to work in tandem with world-class script editors.

The Film Lab's pitching event and awards ceremony are being held within the framework of the Jerusalem Film Festival before a panel of international jurists headed by Olivier Pere (pictured), artistic director of the Locarno Film Festival.

Other jurists include Georges Goldenstern (head of Cinéfondation, Cannes Film Festival), Vibeke Windlov (producer, Denmark), Marit van den Elshout (head of CineMart, Rotterdam Film Festival), Michael Weber (head of the Match Factory, Germany), Maya Amsellem (managing director of WestEnd Films) and Tzvika Kertzner (head of Scriptwriting Track, the Sam Spiegel School). In addition, 20 prominent international producers and sales agents will be in attendance at the pitching event.

July 6 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Mishkenot Sha'ananim. Open to the public. Free entrance. www.filmlab.jsfs.co.il