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Los ganadores en las diversas categorías de los premios de Industria.

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ARTEKINO INTERNATIONAL PRIZE
"Madre pájaro" Sofía Quirós Ubeda (Costa Rica)

APREMIO FILM CENTER SERBIA
"La muñeca de fuego / The Fire Doll" Niles Atallah (EE.UU.)

Six Months, The Castle, Hesitation Wound Win Big at Industry Awards

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Mexico's Bruno Santamaría, Argentina's Martín Benchimol and Turkey's Selman Nacar proved three of the big winners among San Sebastian Industry Awards, announced Wednesday.

João Paulo Miranda, already a young star on Brazil's film scene after *Memory House*, meanwhile, won the Ikusmira Berriak Award.

A Chicago Golden Hugo winner for doc feature *Things We Dare Not Do*, Santamaría swept two awards at the fest's Europe-Latin America Co-Production Forum, a Mecca for Latin America auteurs and their producers seeking vital co-production partners as state funding prospects have plunged across the region.

Also written by Santamaría, its heavily autobiographical story, set in the '90s, follows 10-year-old boy Bru, whose father is diagnosed with HIV, sparking his parents break up. "I want to film the glances and conversations that my parents had in silence and which I couldn't observe as a child and find some sense [in what happened]," Santamaría told *Variety*.

Armando Espitia (*Heli*) and Sofia Espinosa (*Gloria*) are attached to star in the comedy drama with a tragic undertow.



The Castle.

In further Forum awards, Sofía Quirós' *Madre Pájaro* – reuniting the same creative team behind her feature debut, 2019 Cannes Critics' Week player *Land of Ashes* – won the Artekino International Award for a story about Oliver, 7, who, when his mother falls gravely ill, becomes

increasingly attached to Paloma, a 25-year old neighbor. Producers are Mariana Murillo at Costa Rica's Sputnik Films and Sazy Salim of Argentina's Murillo Cine.

The Film Center Serbia Award went to *The Fire Doll*, from Chilean director-to-track Niles Atallah (Rey),

about a nine-year-old girl who battles to help her father free himself from ghosts of the past. Chile's Globo Rojo Films produces with Raphael Berdugo's Paris-based Cité Films, which handles world sales.

In San Sebastian's pix-in-post competitions, the big winner in WIP

Latam was *The Castle*, in which Justina is given a colossal mansion deep in the Argentinian Pampa on the condition that she never sells it. Produced by Gema Juárez Allen at Gema Films, which has *Pornomenolchoy* in main competition, the film marks the fiction feature debut of Benchimol whose *The Dread*, co-directed by Pablo Aparo, scooped best medium-feature doc at 2017's IDFA.

A Strange Path, from Brazil's Guto Parente, (*The Cannibal Club*), won a Projeto Paradiso First Prize from the non-profit promotion org for Brazilian talent and movies. Its Second Prize went to Davi Pretto (*Castanha*), another social issue rural drama for Pretto after *Rifle*, which won the Grand Prize at Jeonju Film Festival.

Nacar won his second WIP Europa award in three editions for *Hesitation Wound*, an ethical thriller set among Turkey's middle class, a winning set-up in 2020's WIP Europa laureate *Between Two Dawns*.

Catching attention with *Memory House*, the only Latin American movie in Cannes 2020 Official Selection, João Paulo Miranda's *Bandeira* (*Flag*) from won a coveted post-production award from top Basque production house Irusoin, given to one of the projects at San Sebastian's prestigious Ikusmira Be-riak development residency.