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El Salvador – Two Young People from Central America win awards at the "Don Bosco Global Youth Film Festival" (DBGYFF)

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(ANS – San Salvador) – After almost a year of preparation, the wait for the "Don Bosco Global Youth Film Festival" award ceremony ended on November 19 at Turin. A total of 1,686 films were received from 116 countries around the world in many different languages. In the category "Short films upto 1 minute" 93 videos arrived, while in the "Animated Short films of up to 1 minute" 28 videos arrived in which two young people from Central America were among the winners, one in each category. Daniel Flamenco, a past pupil of the "Santa Cecilia" School in El Salvador, won the first place in the category "one-minute short films" with his video "Corazón Azul"; and María Nazareth Castillo, a student of the "CEDES Don Bosco" from San José - Costa Rica, won the third place in the category "one-minute animated short films" with her video "El sol".

Daniel Flamenco is an alumnus of Santa Cecilia - El Salvador, class of 2017. He is currently an animation specialist. "I have had expertise in creating ceramic art works and working in this mode it occurred to me to model a heart and show people how a piece is made. Many think it's simple but it takes a lot of work. I wanted to make an analogy with my region as well. I wanted to

show the process that a region or a town has, very similar to an artisan who works with clay, begins by extracting the earth, processes it, handles it delicately. Clay is baked at more than a thousand degrees in an oven, if you see my short film, you can understand better" he said, pleasantly surprised by his award.

When he heard about the festival from some friends, he thought that this idea could participate in the festival and thus, he asked for support from the artist Blanca Quiñones to collaborate with poetry and José Luís Aguilar who composed the music especially for the short film.

"I'm very happy, I didn't expect it! I like to participate in festivals, I always participate without expecting something, but it took me by surprise," said Daniel.

Maria Nazareth, a eleventh standard student at CEDES Don Bosco, was inspired by the Rector Major's stenna. "I didn't know how to start! But talking to my team, we thought of creating something original. My Spanish teacher, Laura Zúñiga, wrote a poem exclusively for this video. I feel super happy, grateful to God, He has never forsaken me, all this is for His glory! Representing Costa Rica through my film in this way and representing CEDES makes me very happy. I thank God and Don Bosco that without him none of this would be possible," said the winner.

Each winner of the festival will have a cash prize and worldwide recognition.