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L'Enfant et les Sortileges, directed by Marikki Hakola, won a significant Rockie Awards -prize at the Banff Television Festival, Canada

L'Enfant et les Sortileges (The Bewitched Child) directed by **Marikki Hakola, Kroma Productions Ltd.Finland**, has won a significant \$ 25 000 NHK President's Prize at the international **BANFF World Television Festival**, Canada. The festival is one of the most prestigious competitions of TV-productions of the world. The Jury of the festival pointed out that L'Enfant et les Sortileges has been brilliantly crafted by using the modern HDTV technology.

L'Enfant et les Sortileges is the first Finnish film where the set design is produced by using new virtual technology following camera movements. The digital film has totally been shot in a blue studio. Live performers have been joined together with visual stages realized by computer graphics and 3D animation. The staging of the film is a research project of a digital and virtual set design of the University of Art and Design, Helsinki and the artistic part of the doctoral thesis of Katriina Ilmaranta.

L'Enfant et les Sortileges (dur. 47´) is a fantasy film for the whole family. The dance and music film is based on the miniature opera by Maurice Ravel. The script, direction and production of the film is made by Marikki Hakola. The virtual set design and visualisation is realized by Katriina Ilmaranta, photography by Raimo Uunila, Shake compositing by Sami Haartemo and sound design by Epa Tamminen.

In the main role is young Mikael Kivimäki. In other roles are the dancers Alpo Aaltokoski, Nina Hyvärinen, Aki Suzuki, Jyrki Karttunen, Sampo Kivelä, Anne Koutonen, Miguel Verdecia, Soila Grenot, Teemu Korjuslommi and Step Up Kids. Armin Jordan conducts the Suisse Romande orchestra and chorus. The vocalists are Colette Alliot-Lucaz, Arlette Chedel, Elisabeth Vidal, Audrey Michael, Isabel Garcisanz, Michel Sénéchal, Michel Brodard and Philippe Huttenlocher.

The film is produced by Kroma Productions Ltd. in co-operation with University of Art and Design Helsinki, Media Centre Lume, School of Motion Picture, Television and Production Design, The Finnish Broadcasting Company Ltd /YLE TV1 Co-Productions and YLE Teema. The French distributor Europe Images International is responsible of the distribution of the film. Next screening of L'Enfant et les Sortileges is at Skip City International D-Cinema Festival, Saitama, Japan, July 16-24.

Rockie Award Winners:

<http://www.banff2005.com/winners.php>

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>>> The \$25,000 NHK President's Prize (sponsored by NHK Japan Broadcasting Corporation) for the program best exemplifying the creative use of HDTV technology went to the brilliantly crafted Finnish program L'Enfant et les Sortileges (The Bewitched Child), with the Austrian science documentary Ants finishing a strong second. The cash award for the NHK President's Prize, like the Global Television Grand Prize, goes to the program producers. More>>> <http://www.banff2005.com/media.php?article=75>

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L'Enfant et les Sortileges web site:
<http://www.enfantsortileges.net>

L'Enfant et les Sortileges press photos:
<http://www.enfantsortileges.net/ENG/a2.html>
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<http://www.magnusborg.fi/kroma/marikkicv.html>

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