

## **PRESS RELEASE – Cartoon (EAAF) - September 2005**

### **EVER MORE INVESTORS EXPECTED AT CARTOON FORUM KOLDING**

The 16<sup>th</sup> Cartoon Forum, which takes place 21 to 25 September at Kolding in Denmark, will see even more broadcasters and investors than in previous years: 101 television buyers and co-producers and 147 investors, video distributors and financiers. This means a total of 248 investors who will get a sneak preview of the 67 new projects to be presented there.

The interest in European animation shows no sign of abating.

As for the projects, it is worth noting that the quality is improving year on year and that their producers present them with a remarkable degree of professionalism.

Producers from the new member countries of the European Union will also be present, either with projects or as observers with the intention of coming next year with TV series projects well suited to the demands of today's children.

So more than 750 participants will be in Denmark for the great annual get-together of the European animated series. France will have the largest representation with over 150 practitioners, followed by the United Kingdom (140), Germany (110) and Denmark (the host country, 100).

Cartoon Forum will close with the awarding of the 15<sup>th</sup> Cartoon d'Or. The jury is composed of Karsten Kiilerich (Denmark), director of "The Ugly Duckling and Me", Philippe Leclerc (France), director of "The Sun Queen" and Peter Lord (United Kingdom) founder, producer and director at Aardman Animations ("Wallace and Gromit").

Five finalists have been nominated and these films will be presented to the participants at Cartoon Forum before the Cartoon d'Or is awarded to the one winner.

The nominations are:

- “City Paradise” by Gaëlle Denis (France).
- “Falling” by Peter Kaboth (Germany).
- “Flatlife” by Jonas Geirnaert (Belgium).
- “Jo Jo in the Stars” by Marc Craste (United Kingdom).
- “Little Things” by Daniel Greaves (United Kingdom).

The jury will meet one last time at Kolding during Cartoon Forum, to select the winner of the 15<sup>th</sup> Cartoon d’Or.

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