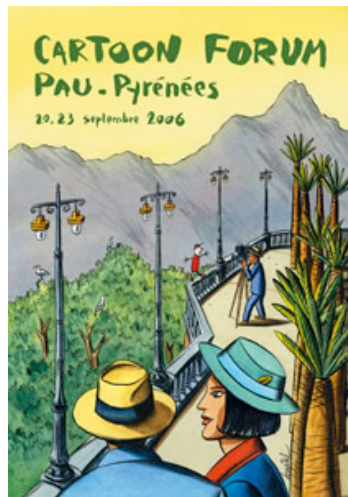


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## **CARTOON FORUM PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE LEADING PROTAGONISTS OF EUROPEAN ANIMATION**

*Cartoon Tributes seeks to recognise companies' contributions to the development of European animation*

*The winners will be voted by the 750 sector professionals attending Cartoon Forum 2006*

**Brussels, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006.** Cartoon Forum pays homage to the leading protagonists of European animation with the creation of the **Cartoon Tributes**, a ceremony aimed at honour the companies or personalities that have had a positive influence on the European animation industry over the last year

A total of 15 companies from six European countries (France, U.K., Germany, Spain, the Netherlands and Denmark) have been nominated as finalists in the three categories: Broadcaster of the Year, Investor of the Year and Producer of the Year.

The over 750 participants of Cartoon Forum 2006 will vote on the winners that will be announced at a ceremony at the Palais de Beaumont in Pau on 23 September.

This is the first time that **Cartoon Forum** – the co-production forum which is dedicated to the financing of European animation programmes for television – is hosting this ceremony. The 17<sup>th</sup> Cartoon Forum is being hosted in the French town of Pau from 20 - 23 September.

The nominees include:

### **Broadcaster of the Year**

- BBC Children's (U.K.)
- Canal J, Tiji and Gulli TV (France)
- France 5 (France)
- KRO Youth TV (Netherlands)
- Super RTL - RTL Disney Fernsehen (Germany)

### **Investor of the Year**

- Cake Entertainment (U.K.) & Hoek, Line & Thinker (Netherlands)
- France Télévisions Distribution (France)
- HIT Entertainment (U.K.)
- Icon Animation (Spain)
- Telepool (Germany)

### **Producer of the Year**

- A Film (Denmark)
- Alphanim (France)
- Collingwood O'Hare Entertainment Ltd (U.K.)
- Futurikon (France)
- MotionWorks (Germany)

Cartoon Forum is organised by CARTOON (European Association of Animation Film) with the support of EU MEDIA Programme and the CNC (Centre national de la cinématographie). The French partners of this new edition are the Region of Aquitaine, the City of Pau and its Agglomération and the Conseil Général des Pyrénées Atlantiques. The event also has the support of France Télévisions Groupe, Procirep (Société des Producteurs de Cinéma et Télévision) and SACD (Société des auteurs et compositeurs dramatiques).

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