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THE NEW TALENTS OF EUROPEAN ANIMATION COMPETE FOR THE 2006 CARTOON D´OR AWARD

The finalists are award-winning short films from all around Europe.

The winner will be announced on September 23rd at the Closing Ceremony of the Cartoon Forum Pau - Pyrénées.

Brussels, July 2006: Cartoon Forum has just announced the five short films selected to compete for the **Cartoon d´Or 2006**, the annual award that recognises the work of new talents in the European animation industry.

The jury has selected five finalists from the 28 short films that were presented to this 16th edition of the award. The nominees are *Dreams & Desires - Family ties*, by Joanna Quinn (United Kingdom); *História Trágica com Final Feliz*, by Regina Passoa (Portugal/ France / Canada); *Nocturne*, by Guillaume Delaunay (France); *Olis chance*, by Saschka Unseld and Johannes Weiland (Germany) and *Overtime*, by Oury Atlan, Thibaut Berland and Damien Ferrié (France).

The finalists have already been awarded prizes at Cartoon´s partner festivals: Annecy (France), Anima (Belgium), Espinho (Portugal), Genzano di Roma (Italy), Stuttgart (Germany) and Trebon (Czech Republic). The winner of the Cartoon d´Or will be announced on September 23rd at the Cartoon Forum´s closing ceremony, hosted by France Télévisions Groupe, which will take place in the French town of Pau.

The prize winner will be awarded a trophy and a monetary prize of 15.000 Euros to jump-start his or her next animation project. Moreover, the finalists will have the opportunity to showcase their work at the **Cartoon Forum**, the annual event dedicated to promote the co-production, financing and distribution of European animation TV series.

Created by **CARTOON** (European Association of Animation Film) and supported by the EU MEDIA Program, since its creation in 1991 this award has rapidly become a prestigious reference among young directors in the field. Previous recipients of the Cartoon d'Or include such outstanding directors as Nick Park (*Chicken Run*), Sylvain Chomet (*Les Triplettes de Belleville*) and Jacques-Rémy Girerd (*Raining Cats and Frogs*).

The 2006 Cartoon d'Or jury is composed by French producer Didier Brunner (*Kirikou et la Sorcière* and *Les Triplettes de Belleville*); Dutch director Michael Dudok de Wit (Cartoon d'Or winner for *The Monk and the Fish* (1995) and *Father and Daughter* (2001)), and by Portuguese director José Miguel Ribeiro (Cartoon d'Or winner in 2000 for *A Suspeita*).

The main partners of this **Cartoon Forum** (September 20 - 23) are the EU MEDIA Program, the CNC (Centre National de la Cinématographie), Region of Aquitaine, the City of Pau 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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