

# Expanded Animation

What are the hottest animations? September's Cartoon Forum Catalunya in Girona showcases 60 European projects that are set to grab international interest.

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Cartoon Forum Catalunya, taking place in Girona, Spain, from Sept. 19 to 22, is celebrating its 18th anniversary with 400 hours of animation in 60 projects—and with a total budget of 216 million euros. Some 750 people are expected to participate in the event.

France leads the field with 15 projects, followed by the UK with 12, and Spain with 11, while Germany and the Nordic countries will present six projects each.

Cartoon Forum is the annual event aimed

In terms of production, 2D animation continues to prevail over 3D, with the average cost per minute produced standing at between 9,000 and 10,000 euros.

A significant number of this year's projects are also conceived to be reproduced on new technology formats—HD—and distributed on new platforms including VOD, IPTV, ADSL TV, and mobile telephony.

Cartoon Forum Catalunya will also host the Cartoon d'Or 2007 awards ceremony for the European Association of Animation

Film's annual award for best short film, and the Cartoon Tributes for television, which elects the best producer, broadcaster, and investor of the year.

Films from the UK, Hungary, and Finland are among the five finalists for the Cartoon d'Or awards. Only films that have won awards in other

European animated film festivals are allowed to compete.

The five finalists, selected from 27 candidates, are: *Life Line*, by Tomek Ducki (Hungary); *Peter & the Wolf*, by Suzie Templeton (UK); *The Irresistible Smile*, by Ami Lindhom (Finland); *The Pearce Sisters*,

by Luis Cook (UK); and t.o.m., by Daniel Gray & Tom Brown (UK).

Cartoon d'Or is the only pan-European prize specifically for animated films, and competition in the event is reserved for winners of short film awards from 10 European partner festivals.

The Cartoon d'Or Night is sponsored by Televisió de Catalunya (TVC). The Cartoon d'Or is organized with the support of the MEDIA Programme of the European Union.

This is the fourth time that the Cartoon Forum is being held in Spain, following editions in Lanzarote (1990), Córdoba (1999), and Santiago de Compostela (2004).

Since Cartoon Forum was created 18 years ago, more than 300 projects have obtained financing to the tune of over 1 billion euros and are being produced or broadcast in countries all over the world.

Organized by Cartoon (European Association of Animation Film) with the support of the Media Programme of the European Union, the main partners of Cartoon Forum Catalunya are Generalitat de Catalunya–Institut Català de les Indústries Culturals (ICIC), Televisió de Catalunya (TVC), and Catalan Films & TV (CF&TV).

The event also has the support of Ajuntament de Girona, Instituto de la Cinematografía y de las Artes Audiovisuales (ICAA), MEDIA Antena Catalunya, and Universitat de Girona.

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Aardman's "Little J" is just one of 60 animated properties being highlighted at Cartoon Forum Catalunya in Girona, Spain.

at advancing the production, distribution, and financing of European animated series for television and new media.

Most of the 60 animations are 26-program series with an average length of 10 to 13 minutes. And most of the programs are aimed at 6- to 13-year-olds.

## Icon Animation Debuts "Lucky Fred" at Cartoon Forum 2007

Icon Animation (www.icon-animation.com), Spain's leading production and distribution company specializing in youth programming, is introducing the amazing adventures of "Lucky Fred" (52 x 12) at Cartoon Forum 2007. Aimed at kids aged 6 to 12 years, "Lucky Fred" is a 2D animated sitcom that combines the everyday with the extraordinary.

One day, RED, a "Reality Enhancement Drone," falls from outer space and crashes through 13-year old Fred's bedroom ceiling. From then on, Fred has an incredible "Aladdin's lamp" to grant him his every wish. If Fred needs to pass an exam, RED conjures up an intelligent pen, capable of writing by itself; if Fred wants to win the girl of his dreams, the robot gives him chewing gum with the qualities of a love potion; and if Fred wants to be a football star, RED gives him shoes that run and shoot like a champion.

However, the Reality Enhancement Drone is faulty and instead of helping Fred, each magical object creates an amusing chain of unexpected complications. Luckily Fred has his two secret weapons—his optimism and his wacky inventiveness—to help him out.

Sergi Reigt, managing director at Icon Animation, says, "'Lucky Fred' is a fresh new animated comedy with strong characters and dynamic style. It combines everyday themes that kids can relate to, with crazy, out-of-this-world ideas and adventures."

"Lucky Fred" was created by Myriam Ballesteros, a founding partner in Icon Animation with Sergi Reigt, and Txema Ocio. Ballesteros and Ocio are the talented writing team behind Icon Animation's international hit series "Lola & Virginia."

# Cartoon Forum Catalunya Presentations

1	<b>240, the Clone Child Sold in Carton</b>	Yankeepay	Spain
2	<b>Angus &amp; Cheryl</b>	Screen 21	Spain
3	<b>Anton and the Turbot Trophy</b>	Fabulab	Denmark
4	<b>A.R.T. Investigation</b>	Normaal Animation	France
5	<b>Astaquana</b>	SIP Animation	France
6	<b>Bouncy Castle</b>	Spider Eye	United Kingdom
7	<b>Buddy and Elvis</b>	The Illuminated Film Company	United Kingdom
8	<b>Candy Circle</b>	Gertie	Italy
9	<b>CB - Cejas Bravas</b>	Orgánica Diseño Tecnología Medio	Spain
10	<b>Chumballs</b>	World Les Films de La Perrine	France
11	<b>Diego Oasis</b>	Millimages	France
12	<b>Duo Cho</b>	OUAT Entertainment	France
13	<b>Entomicon - Swampy Tales</b>	Grupo Edebé	Spain
		Tiburón de Animación	Spain
14	<b>Filo &amp; Sofi</b>	Ellipsanime Productions	France
15	<b>Fred!</b>	JEP Animation	Germany
16	<b>Gilmerton Heights</b>	Eggtoons	United Kingdom
17	<b>Globul-X</b>	Inexvivo	France
		2d3D Animations	France
18	<b>Gluglù</b>	Stranemani	Italy
19	<b>Go, Rabbit</b>	Go Studio Miniatur Filmowych	Poland
20	<b>Heavy Mental</b>	Projector23	Germany
		FilmFrame	Slovakia
21	<b>Hiroku and the Defenders of Gaia Oasis</b>	Europkikara	Spain
22	<b>How to Drive Everybody Crazy</b>	TeamTo	France
23	<b>In da Hood</b>	Studio Brocéliande	France
24	<b>JoNaLu</b>	Scopas Medien	Germany
25	<b>Jonás Machango</b>	Studio S.	Spain
26	<b>Just so Stories</b>	Les Films de l'Arlequin	France
27	<b>Kat and C.a.t</b>	Parthenon Entertainment	United Kingdom
28	<b>Lila</b>	Cromosoma	Spain
29	<b>Little J</b>	Aardman Animations	United Kingdom
30	<b>Lucky Fred</b>	Icon Animation	Spain
31	<b>Maxx Science</b>	Clixx.Biz e.K.	Germany
32	<b>Megaminimals</b>	Neptuno Films	Spain
33	<b>Merry Christmas, Mr. Tree</b>	DeFamilieJanssen (DFJ)	Belgium
34	<b>Miss Remarkable &amp; her Career</b>	Lisbet Gabriëlsson Film	Sweden
35	<b>Oops - Noah is Gone!</b>	Magma Films	Ireland
36	<b>Psi-Five</b>	Calon	United Kingdom
37	<b>Rescue Wrestlers</b>	Jam Media	Ireland
38	<b>Saari</b>	Stor Fisk	Spain
39	<b>Sally Bollywood</b>	Télé Images Kids	France
40	<b>Show about Nothing</b>	il Luster Productions	Netherlands
41	<b>slash://</b>	Gruppo Alconi	Italy
42	<b>Spot and Splodge</b>	Zigzag Animation	Sweden
43	<b>Stefan and the Lost Dove</b>	TV Cartoons	United Kingdom
44	<b>Step by Step</b>	2 Minutes	France
		Art'mell	France
45	<b>Street Battle</b>	Pictor Media	France
46	<b>Terry Vision</b>	The Ministry of Toons	United Kingdom
47	<b>The 99 Lives of Fuzzy Cat</b>	Honeycomb Animation Enterprises	United Kingdom
48	<b>The Big Kitchen</b>	Simply	United Kingdom
49	<b>The Bunjies</b>	Studio Film Bilder	Germany
50	<b>The Fairy Coquillette</b>	Les Armateurs	France
51	<b>The Fantastic Timemachine</b>	Døvefilm Video	Denmark
52	<b>The Hairy Tooth Fairy</b>	Filmmax Animation	Spain
53	<b>The Moffels</b>	Digitrick/TFG ToonFilms	Germany
54	<b>The World of Pija Lindenbaum</b>	Alphaville	Sweden
55	<b>Thumbelina</b>	Qollective d.o.o.	Slovenia
56	<b>Tidoms</b>	Maybe Movies	France
		Art'mell	France
57	<b>Tinga Tinga Tales</b>	Tiger Aspect Productions	United Kingdom
58	<b>Uki</b>	Creative Conspiracy	Belgium
59	<b>Wellington</b>	Steve Walsh Productions	United Kingdom
60	<b>ZipRay</b>	Funkhauser Film	Denmark