



## EUROPEAN ANIMATION HONOURS THIS YEAR'S PROTAGONISTS AT CARTOON TRIBUTES 2009

- *European animation professionals will select Broadcaster, Distributor/Investor and Producer of the Year.*
- *The tributes will be awarded at Cartoon Forum 2009, the European animation industry's annual meeting point.*

The European Association of Animation Film's annual awards for outstanding contribution to the European animation industry, **Cartoon Tributes 2009**, will be announced on September 25 in the Norwegian city of Stavanger.

Twelve finalists will compete for Broadcaster, Distributor/Investor and Producer of the Year at the latest edition of these awards. The winners of each of the three categories will be selected by the over 700 participants at Cartoon Forum, the annual European meeting point to support the co-production, financing and distribution of animation series for television and new media platforms.

France once again leads with a nomination in each of the three categories, followed by Germany, the UK and Ireland, with two nominations each.

Created in 2006, the Cartoon Tributes have gained a prestigious reputation for giving professionals from the animation industry the opportunity to honour their own colleagues.

The list of the nominees includes:

### **Broadcaster of the Year**

Canal + (France)  
Nickelodeon (UK)  
NRK (Norway)  
Westdeutscher Rundfunk - WDR (Germany)

### **Distributor / Investor of the Year**

Cake Entertainment (UK)  
France Télévisions Distribution (France)  
Telegael Media Group (Ireland)  
ZDF Enterprises (Germany)

### **Producer of the Year**

BRB (Spain)  
Brown Bag Films (Ireland)  
Gruppo Alconi (Italy)  
Normaal Animation (France)

The 20th Cartoon Forum will take place in the city of Stavanger, Norway, from September 22 - 25 with the support of EU MEDIA Programme, the County of Rogaland, the cities of Stavanger and Sandnes, the Ministry of Culture and Church Affairs, the Norwegian Film Institute, Nordisk Film & TV Fond, Innovation Norway, Sparebanken 1 SR-Bank and NRK.

Poster of the event and images of the projects available for downloading at:  
[www.cartoon-media.eu/FORUM/press.php](http://www.cartoon-media.eu/FORUM/press.php) (password: **cfrn222509**)

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