



## TWELVE EUROPEAN COMPANIES NOMINATED FOR THE CARTOON TRIBUTES 2011

- *The Cartoon Tributes 2011 will be awarded in Sopot, Poland on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept.*
- *Twelve companies from 7 countries among the finalists for Broadcaster, Investor/Distributor and Producer of the Year*

The European animation industry is set to honour outstanding contributors to the sector at the sixth edition of Cartoon Tributes, the annual awards organised by CARTOON – European Association of Animation Film. Some 700 professionals from across Europe will select the companies that have supported the industry's growth over the past year. Companies from France, Ireland, Britain, Germany, Luxembourg, Switzerland and The Netherlands are among this year's nominees, underscoring the growing interest in animation from countries across the continent.

Turner Broadcasting's preschool channel **Cartoonito**, France's **M6 Kid**, Ireland's pubcaster **Radio Telefís Éireann (RTÉ)** and French speaking Swiss broadcaster **Télévision Suisse Romande (TSR)** have been nominated for **Broadcaster of the Year** for giving animation a top spot in their programming schedule.

The nominees for **Investor/Distributor of the Year** are **awol animation** from France, **Beta Film** from Germany, **KidsPlant Distribution** from The Netherlands and **Zodiak Kids** from Britain.

Meanwhile, **Planet Nemo Animation** and **Tele Images Productions** from France, **LuxAnimation** from Luxembourg and **Monster Animation** from Ireland will compete for **Producer of the Year** after creating some of European animation's most recent hits.

The winners will be announced at the next edition of Cartoon Forum, to be held from 13-16 September in the Polish city of Sopot, where the nominated companies will also have an active presence. In this new edition the European forum for co-productions of animated series will showcase 66 new projects with a global investment of 214.5 million EUR and 467 hours of production.

Cartoon Tributes 2011 nominees are:

### **Broadcaster of the Year**

- Cartoonito (TBS) (UK / France)
- M6 Kid (France)
- Radio Telefís Éireann (RTÉ) (Ireland)
- Télévision Suisse Romande (TSR) (Switzerland)

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

- awol animation (France)
- Beta Film (Germany)
- KidsPlant Distribution (The Netherlands)
- Zodiak Kids (UK)

### **Producer of the Year**

- LuxAnimation (Luxembourg)
- Monster Animation (Ireland)
- Planet Nemo Animation (France)
- Tele Images Productions (France)

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List of the selected projects: <http://www.cartoon-media.eu/FORUM/selected.php>

### **About CARTOON FORUM**

Created in 1990 to boost the co-production and distribution of European animation for television and new media platforms, Cartoon Forum has helped **470 animation series** obtain financing to the tune of **over 1.6 billion EUR**. For three days each year, European producers have the opportunity to pitch their animation project in front of all decision-makers, buyers and investors in order to speed up financing and find cross-border partners.

Cartoon Forum Polska is organised by CARTOON with the support of MEDIA - a Programme of the European Union, the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland, the Polish Film Institute (PISF) and the City of Sopot, in collaboration with Studio Miniatur Filmowych (SMF). Cartoon Forum Polska is one of the events under the patronage of the Polish Presidency of the EU Council.

### **About CARTOON**

CARTOON is an international non-profit association based in Brussels that organises Cartoon Forum, together with Cartoon Movie, a co-production forum for feature-length animation, Cartoon Master training seminars and Cartoon Connection, a new programme intended to explore ways of reinforcing cooperation between EU and non EU animation professionals.