

Francis Nielsen (France)

Originally from the Haute-Savoie in France, Francis Nielsen began his career by putting on puppet shows in the schools of the region.

Then he joined the studio IDEFIX in Neuilly at the time when it was set up by Goscinny and Uderzo. It was here that he acquired an overall technical knowledge of animation production.

He directed a number of advertising spots, shorts and animation series, and completed his training by becoming producer in two companies, STOUT and ROOSTER.

Today, he directs animation series, TV specials and feature-length films. Recently, he was the first director of a feature-length animation film to be included in the Official Selection of the Mostra Venice International Film Festival for the film « Le Chien, le Général et les Oiseaux ».

Francis Nielsen has been chairman at the Cartoon Forum for a number of years and he is an administrator for the Annecy Festival. He is highly charismatic, has a warm personality, and is known for his technical, artistic and also financial skills in the creation and production processes. He is also known for his ability to keep up the team spirit and enthusiasm in a group. These are values that also apply in his private life, where he practises music with his friends and is very interested in gastronomy in all its forms.