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**THE WINNER OF THE EURIMAGES CO-PRODUCTION AWARD
AT CARTOON MOVIE IS:**

“SHADOWS”

produced by Autour de Minuit in cooperation with Panique! & Schmuby



Following a call for proposals launched in June 2020, the Council of Europe's Eurimages Fund has selected seven co-production markets around the world to present the **Eurimages Co-Production Development Prize** in 2021, including the one of Cartoon Movie. This cash-prize of 20,000 € has been created to promote the Fund's role in encouraging international animated co-production from the initial stages of a project. The project has to be designed from the outset as an international co-production for cinema release and initiated by a lead producer based in a Eurimages country willing to co-operate with other partners internationally. The lead producer should aim to involve at least one other producer from a Eurimages country. The award, which takes the form of a non-reimbursable subsidy, must be used by the producers to cover development expenses of the animation project.

The Eurimages Co-production Development Award was awarded today, Thursday 11 March, during the digital edition of Cartoon Movie 2021 to the project "Shadows" produced by Autour de Minuit (France) in cooperation with Panique! (Belgium) and Schmuby (France), and directed by Nadia Micault.

The jury was composed of Karin Schockweiler (Film Fund Luxembourg – Luxembourg), Emmanuelle Chevalier (Les Films du Préau – France) and Emil Simeonov (Pro Films – Bulgaria).

Ten very different projects were presented, with a vast diversity of artistic approaches and great ideas. It was a real pleasure to see all those nice and good presentations and to discuss with the

creative and production teams. But the winner could only be one and although it was a difficult decision, a decision had to be taken.

The Jury was impressed by the ambitious project **“Shadows”** as it is dealing with serious matters, as migration, family, relationships, taking care of each other, told as a fairy-tale with hope at the end. The visuals are very original, of high quality, done with an interesting mix of different techniques. The project was co-developed since its beginning and is led by a talented team.

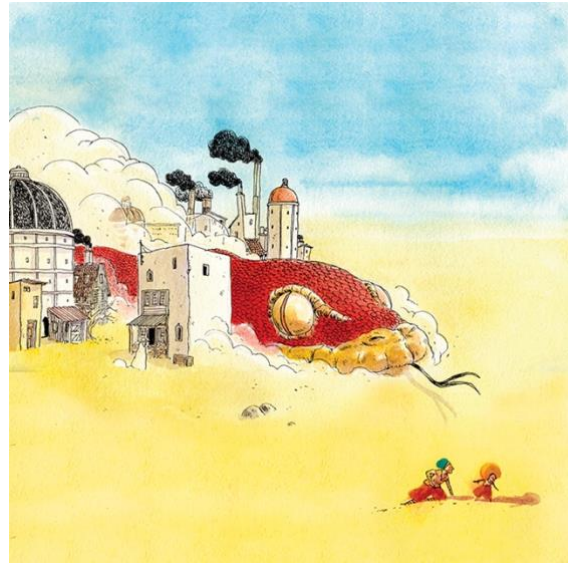


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About Cartoon Movie

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CARTOON – European Association of Animation Film is an international non-profit association based in Brussels that organises Cartoon Movie, together with Cartoon Forum, a co-production forum for animated TV series, and Cartoon Masters training seminars.

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