



Press release
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Discover the 2016 Cartoon d'Or and Cartoon Tributes Nominees

Award Ceremony – 15 September

The French city of Toulouse will host the 27th edition of Cartoon Forum, the co-production platform for European animation series from 13-16 September. **80 new projects** from across Europe will be pitched. This is a record year for Cartoon Forum which goes from strength to strength. This year 22 countries will be presenting their projects to participants from 38 countries which include **950 producers, investors, distributors, buyers, SVoD platforms** such as Netflix, Hopster TV, Toon Goggles.

Along with the presentation of projects, this key event for the European animation sector will host the ceremony for the **Cartoon d'Or**, the pan-European award for best animation short and the **3 Cartoon Tributes**, which are professional awards for the most positive and influential broadcaster, investor/distributor and producer of the year. The Award Ceremony will take place on **Thursday 15 September** at 20:00 in Toulouse.

The five films nominated for Cartoon d'Or 2016!

The Cartoon d'Or rewards the best of the best European animated short films since only prize-winning films can enter the competition.

The five nominees for the Cartoon d'Or 2016 are:

- **Alike** by Daniel Martínez Lara & Rafa Cano Méndez, Spain, 8'01, prod: Daniel Martinez Lara & La Fiesta P.C.
- **Machine** by Sunit Parekh, Denmark, 19'03, prod: Sunit Parekh
- **Peripheria** by David Coquard-Dassault, France, 12'20, prod: Autour de Minuit & SchmuBy Productions
- **Under your fingers** by Marie-Christine Courtès, France, 12'54, prod: Vivement Lundi ! & Novanima
- **Yùl and the Snake** by Gabriel Harel, France, 13'11, prod: Kazak Productions

The jury was composed of Producer Clément Calvet (Superprod, France), Director Mark Burton (Aardman Animations, United Kingdom) and Director Alessandro Rak (MAD Entertainment, Italy). Out of the 23 short films which were selected by our partner festivals, the jury nominated 5 to compete for this year's Cartoon d'Or.

The Award Ceremony will start with the screening of the nominated films in front of all animation professionals attending Cartoon Forum. The winner will be announced and will receive a 10,000 EUR grant, thanks to the support of Creative Europe - MEDIA. The aim of the Cartoon d'Or is to promote European animation Directors and offer them the opportunity to meet the industry at the Cartoon Forum.

The Cartoon d'Or evening is sponsored by Occitanie / Pyrénées-Méditerranée Region.

Fifteen European animation companies vying for the 2016 Cartoon Tributes

BROADCASTER OF THE YEAR

- Latvian Television - LTV (Latvia)
- M6 (France)
- Nickelodeon International (United Kingdom / USA)
- RTÉ (Ireland)
- Sveriges Television - SVT (Sweden)

INVESTOR/DISTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR

- Cake Entertainment (United Kingdom)
- francetv distribution (France)
- NeweN Distribution (France)
- Penguin Random House (United Kingdom)
- Studio 100 Media (Germany)

PRODUCER OF THE YEAR

- Autour de Minuit (France)
- Creative Conspiracy (Belgium)
- Cyber Group Studios (France)
- Dansk Tegnefilm (Denmark)
- Framestore (United Kingdom)

The aim of the Cartoon Tributes is to reward outstanding achievements, companies or personalities that have had a positive and dynamic influence on the TV animation industry over the past year. A total of 15 companies and personalities are among the nominees for these awards, French and British companies coming up most, with 5 nominations for France and 4 for the UK.

For France:

- **M6** (for 4-10 years olds) is vying for Broadcaster of the Year;
- **francetv distribution** ("Rabbids Invasion", "Peanuts", "The Owl & Co", "Dimitri" – released in 2014 in France and Award for the best animated series for children, International Festival of the Ottawa Animation Film 2014, ...) and **NeweN Distribution** ("Loopdidoo", "Kaeloo", "Magic Planet", "UFO", "Little Chicks", etc.) will compete for Investor/Distributor of the Year;
- **Cyber Group Studios** ("Gigantosaurus", "Enchanted Sisters", "Zorro, the Chronicless", "Zou", "Mirette Investigates", ...) and **Autour de Minuit** ("Babioles", "The Christmas Log" - Cartoon d'Or 2014 winner, "Jean-Michel, Super Caribou", "No-No", "Peripheria" - Cartoon d'Or 2016 nominee, ...) are selected as Producer of the Year.

For the UK:

- **Nickelodeon International** (for 8-16 years olds) rounds up the list of nominees for Broadcaster of the Year;
- **Cake Entertainment** ("Angry Birds Toons", "Ella Bella Bingo", "My Knight and Me", "Ready Jet Go!", ...) and **Penguin Random House** ("Peter Rabbit", "Vintage Ladybird", "The Snowman", "Puffin Rock", etc.) will compete for Investor/Distributor of the Year;
- **Framestore** ("Iggy and the Missing Links", "Loopy Fruit" - Cartoon Forum 2016, ...) for Producer of the Year.

And for the first time a Latvian broadcaster is nominated. **Latvian Television - LTV** (for 2-11 year olds) is a public broadcaster interested in programmes that involve imagination, have educational elements, offer positive behaviour models and yet are entertaining and filled with adventure. Their latest acquisitions are: "Space Racers", "Woodlies", "Maya the Bee" & "Yakari".

The other 2 nominated broadcasters are **Sveriges Television - SVT** (Sweden) and **RTÉ** (Ireland).

The German **Studio 100 Media** ("Maya the Bee", "Vic the Viking", "Heidi", ...) complete the nominees to compete for Investor/Distributor of the Year.

Also nominated for Producer of the Year:

- Belgian company **Creative Conspiracy**: "Uki", "OttO's Tall Tales", "Three Little Ninjas Delivery Service", "BaDaBoo" that will be presented this year at Cartoon Forum, ...
- Danish producer **Dansk Tegnefilm**: "Cirkeline", "Rita and Crocodile Fishing" - Jury Award for a TV Series in Annecy (2015), "Lili", ...

All professionals attending the Cartoon Forum will vote on site for their favourite nominee in the 3 categories. The award ceremony of the Cartoon Tributes is hosted by the Mairie de Toulouse and Toulouse Métropole.

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 680 animation series obtain financing to the tune of over 2.3 billion Euros.

The main partners of Cartoon Forum Toulouse are Creative Europe - MEDIA, CNC (Centre national du cinéma et de l'image animée), Occitanie / Pyrénées-Méditerranée Region, Mairie de Toulouse, Toulouse Métropole, Casino Barrière and France Télévisions.

About CARTOON

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

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Images

High-resolution stills of the Cartoon d'Or nominees available for downloading in the Press Area:

<http://www.cartoon-media.eu/home/press-login.htm>

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The **list of selected projects** can be found at this link:

<http://www.cartoon-media.eu/cartoon-forum/cartoon-forum-2016/discover-the-projects-2016-1.htm>

Poster of the event and high-resolution stills of the projects available for downloading in the Press Area:

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