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## TWELVE EUROPEAN COMPANIES SHORTLISTED FOR CARTOON TRIBUTES 15th EDITION

**Cartoon Tributes** pays homage to European animation protagonists at **Cartoon Forum**, the European co-production event for TV and new platform animation programmes that will be held on site in Toulouse on 20-23 September. Twelve companies from Belgium, France, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Spain, and UK are nominated for these awards aimed at acknowledging the outstanding contribution made by producers, distributors/investors and broadcasters in the promotion of European animation over the last year.

Already in their 15<sup>th</sup> edition, these awards are broken down into three categories: Broadcaster, Investor/distributor, and Producer of the Year. Winners will be voted by the 900 professionals attending the Forum. Voting will be electronic, and winners will be announced at the award ceremony to be held on Thursday 23 September at the Pierre Baudis Convention Centre.

The 2021 Cartoon Tributes nominees are:

### **BROADCASTER OF THE YEAR**

- Canal+ (France)
- France 4 (France)
- Ketnet-VRT (Belgium)
- RAI Ragazzi (Italy)

### **INVESTOR/DISTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR**

- Dandelloo (France)
- Meta Media Entertainment (UK)
- MIAM ! Animation (France)
- Planeta Junior (Spain)

### **PRODUCER OF THE YEAR**

- La Station Animation (France)
- Sardinha em Lata (Portugal)
- TAT productions (France)
- Wigglewoo (Ireland)

## **BROADCASTER OF THE YEAR**

### **Canal+ (France)**

Groupe Canal+ is a leader in premium and thematic television channels whose animation programming ranges from pay TV channel such as Piwi+ to online platform such as MyCanal Kids. This latter features series such as "Shoom's Odyssey", "Little Fury", "The Treehouse Stories", and "Mum is Pouring Rain".

### **France 4 (France)**

Owned by the French public group, France Télévisions, France 4 is the channel for children during the day under the Okoo programme brand. In particular, it offers programmes for children over 6 years old, original productions, games, educational programmes and a variety of animated series such as "Rabbids Invasion", "Claude", "Moomins the Series" or "The Jungle Bunch" and "Nate is late".

### **Ketnet-VRT (Belgium)**

Ketnet is the children's brand of VRT, the public broadcaster in the Flemish-speaking part of Belgium. They are aimed at children up to 12 years old, while Ketnet Junior is a sub-brand aimed at children up to six years old that features series such as "Doopie", "Ollie", "Simon" and "Bananimals".

### **RAI Ragazzi (Italy)**

Italy's pubcaster children's brand, RAI Ragazzi has two free-to-air channels: RAI Yoyo, aimed at pre-schoolers, and RAI Gulp, aimed at older kids. Their schedule includes renowned animated Italian series such as "Gormiti", "Geronimo Stilton", "Leo da Vinci", and "World of Winx".

## **INVESTOR/DISTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR**

### **Dandelooo (France)**

Dandelooo is a French award-winning company that produces and distributes meaningful animation programmes. Together with their own titles, the company distributes a wide-range of series including "Cubs", "Ella, Oscar & Hoo", "Pompon Little Bear", and "Kiwi".

### **Meta Media Entertainment (UK)**

London's based Meta Media Entertainment is a specialist international distributor of animation since 2016. The company boasts an eclectic catalogue of 25 kid's animation properties, including titles that were previously presented at Cartoon Forum such as "Tree & Bee", "Who Who", "Animanimals", and "The Koala Brothers," among others.

### **MIAM ! Animation (France)**

MIAM ! Animation is both a production and distribution company and a studio focused on high-quality animated and hybrid programs. Their slate includes many series that have been recently presented at Cartoon Forum, such as "The MiniWhats", "PriZooners", "Brazen", and "Selfish". They have been recently appointed as coproducer, studio partner and worldwide distributor on "Goat Girl", pitched in 2020 at Cartoon Forum.

### **Planeta Junior (Spain)**

Planeta Junior is a company within Grupo Planeta / De Agostini, a European leader in content for children, young people, and families. The company operates through its offices in Spain, France, Germany, Italy, Greece, Turkey, and Eastern Europe, and is focused on the production and distribution of animated series, as well as their secondary rights. Their catalogue includes from classic properties such as "Maya", "The Smurfs", and "Heidi" to recently successful series such as "Miraculous Ladybug".

### **PRODUCER OF THE YEAR order to change**

#### **La Station Animation (France)**

Founded in 2007 to develop kids and family content, La Station Animation produces films and series, both in animation and live-action. Based in Paris and Arles, the company projects range from original children's series to feature-length animation, developed both in 2D and 3D. At Cartoon Forum they will present the series "Griott & Mungo". La Station Animation is also responsible for series like "Grosha & Mr B.", "Partie de Campagne", and "C'était Caché".

#### **Sardinha em Lata (Portugal)**

Sardinha em Lata is an animation production company that seeks to promote the development of the animation industry in Portugal. They are currently producing the film "My Grandfather's Demons" and the series "Alice's Diary". At Cartoon Forum they will present two series in development: "Pete & Bern's" and "The Saskatoons" (in co-production with Spain).

#### **TAT productions (France)**

TAT productions is focused on animated TV programs and features. Founded in 2000 and based in Toulouse, this studio is known for creating and producing original funny stories aimed at the family audience. In 2015, they won an International Emmy Award for the TV series "The Jungle Bunch". They currently have three new feature films in development: "Argonuts", "The Jungle Bunch 2", and "Pets on a Train".

#### **Wiggleywoo (Ireland)**

Wiggleywoo is an award-winning animation company based in Dublin and set up in 2012 which produces animation "for big kids and little kids the world over." The company has a slate of projects in development and production, including the animated adult comedy/drama "Dick has a Problem", which will be pitched at Cartoon Forum. "Tony & Abigail", "Doopydoo", and "Scribe" are also among the series recently produced by the company.

### **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 870 animation series obtain financing to the tune of over 3,1 billion EUR. The main partners of Cartoon Forum Toulouse are Creative Europe - MEDIA, CNC (Centre national du cinéma et de l'image animée), Occitanie Region, Mairie de Toulouse, Toulouse Métropole, Casino Barrière and France Télévisions.

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