



CARTOON FORUM ANNOUNCES THE NOMINEES FOR CARTOON TRIBUTES ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

- *France and UK lead the nominees for the European animation awards that recognise Broadcaster, Investor/Distributor and Producer of the Year.*
- *Over 850 participants of the 25th Cartoon Forum to select the winners by vote.*
- *World leading TV streaming service Netflix attends Cartoon Forum for the first time*

European animation is getting ready to celebrate the 25th edition of Cartoon Forum, the pitching event for animation series, which will be held in the city of Toulouse (23-26 September).

84 new projects for animation series will be presented at the event with the aim of fetching interest by more than 850 investors, co-producers and broadcasters to speed up their production.

Cartoon Tributes nominees

Along with the presentation of projects, this key event for the European animation sector will host a ceremony for the **Cartoon Tributes**, the professional awards given to broadcasters, investors/distributors and producers for their contribution to the development of the TV animation industry in Europe. A total of 15 companies and personalities are among the nominees for these awards, for which France and the UK have a leading role.

The category for **Broadcaster of the Year** reflects the interest of public broadcasters in European animation. Nominees include Germany's **KI.KA**, Italy's **RAI Fiction** and Switzerland's **Schweizer Radio und Fernsehen (SRF)**. French pay-TV operator **CANAL+** and **Disney Channel** (USA-France) complete the short-list in this category.

Two French companies and two British companies will compete for **Investor/Distributor of the Year**. The French nominees are **Dandelooo**, a young creative animation production and distribution company, and **Mediatoon Distribution**, with over 1,500 hours of youth programming in its library. The British nominees are **HIT Entertainment**, one of the world's leading preschool entertainment companies which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, and **Serious Lunch**, a new venture led by Genevieve Dexter. **WDR Mediagroup**, a commercial arm of the German regional public broadcaster WDR, rounds up the list of nominees for Investor/Distributor of the Year.

Finally in the category of **Producer of the Year**, the Cartoon Forum organisation has nominated the producers **Léon Perahia** and **Robin Lyons**, in recognition of their participation in all 25 editions of the event. The other nominees in this category are **Blue-**

Zoo Productions (UK), **Les Films de l'Arlequin** (France) and **Submarine** (Netherlands), which are each presenting projects at the event.

Cartoon Forum participants will vote on the winners, to be announced on 25 September at a ceremony that will also award the **Cartoon d'Or winner**.

Broadcaster of the year:

- CANAL+ (France)
- Der Kinderkanal ARD / ZDF (KI.KA) (Germany)
- Disney Channel (USA /France)
- RAI Fiction (Italy)
- Schweizer Radio und Fernsehen (Switzerland)

Investor / Distributor of the year:

- Dandelooo (France)
- HIT Entertainment (United Kingdom)
- Mediatoon Distribution (France)
- Serious Lunch (United Kingdom)
- WDR Mediagroup (Germany)

Producer of the year:

- Blue-Zoo Productions (United Kingdom)
- Léon Perahia (Belgium)
- Les Films de l'Arlequin (France)
- Robin Lyons (United Kingdom)
- Submarine (Netherlands)

Netflix to attend Cartoon Forum

World leading streaming service Netflix will attend Cartoon Forum for the first time, along with Amazon Studios and EuroVoD. All together, Cartoon Forum will welcome 250 investors, broadcasters and online players, including France Télévisions, Cartoon Network, Disney Channels Worldwide, Nickelodeon, CANAL+, BBC Children's, KI.KA, TF1, The Walt Disney Company, YLE , Lagardère Active, M6 Kid, MTV Media Finland, NRK Super, Rai Fiction, RTVE, Super RTL, ZDF, Rovio...

First cross-over in animation

For the first time in animation, two independent properties will mix in a cross-over. Maurice the tiger-penguin from *The Jungle Bunch* (TAT productions) will meet the grumpy, pink-coloured owl from *The Owl & Co* (Studio Hari) in two exclusive specials to be presented at Cartoon Forum, with the participation of France Télévisions.

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 525 animation series obtain financing to the tune of over 1.8 billion euros. The main partners of Cartoon Forum Toulouse are Creative Europe - MEDIA, CNC (Centre national du cinéma et de l'image animée), Région Midi-Pyrénées, Mairie de Toulouse, la communauté urbaine de 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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Gallery of selected projects: <http://www.cartoon-media.eu/cartoon-forum/cartoon-forum-2014/discover-the-projects.htm>

High-resolution stills of the projects available for downloading in the Press

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