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UK, GERMANY & BELGIUM STAND OUT AT THE CARTOON TRIBUTES 2013 NOMINATIONS

- *The nominees also include companies from France, Italy and Lithuania.*
- *The Broadcaster, Investor/Distributor and Producer of the Year will be announced on 19th September in the city of Toulouse, France.*
- *Winners will be selected by industry professionals at Cartoon Forum 2013, the pitching and co-production forum for European animation.*

Fifteen companies from all over Europe will share the spotlight at the upcoming presentation of the **Cartoon Tributes**, rewarding broadcasters, investor/distributor and producers that have particularly contributed to the development of TV animation. With five and four finalists respectively, France and the UK lead the nominations, followed by Germany and Belgium with two nominees each.

The list of finalists for the three categories also includes companies from Italy and Lithuania. The winners will be selected by 850 animation professionals from 33 countries attending Cartoon Forum 2013, the pitching and co-production event for animated TV series that is taking place from 17-20 September in Toulouse.

Leading networks in the sector like **France Télévisions** (France) and **Super RTL - RTL Disney Fernsehen** (Germany) will compete for the title of Broadcaster of the Year against up-and-coming players like **OUFtivi**, a new multimedia project of Belgium's public broadcaster RTBF; **milkshake!**, the pre-school programming block of UK's Channel 5; and the Lithuanian channel **LKN**.

In the Investor/Distributor category, the list of finalists includes the distribution arms of well-known channels like UK's **BBC (BBC Worldwide)** and Germany's **ZDF (ZDF Enterprises)**; France's **AB International Distribution**; and the book publishers **Editions Milan** (France) and **De Agostini Editori** (Italy).

The Producer of the Year's category features some of the most creative studios in Europe, including France's **2 Minutes** and **Ellipsanime Productions**, UK's **Spider Eye** and **Tiger Aspect Productions** and **Grid Animation** from Belgium.

The Award Ceremony will take place on 19th September at 8pm in Toulouse, in the presence of the Mayor of Toulouse, Mr Pierre Cohen, who will also give a **Cartoon Tribute Toulouse Métropole** to highlight the local animation talent.

Organised by CARTOON, Cartoon Forum will present this year 68 new animated series projects that will be pitched to investors and broadcasters with the aim of accelerating financing and boosting distribution both within and beyond the European Union.

Cartoon Tributes 2013 nominees:

Broadcaster of the Year

- Channel 5 - milkshake! (United Kingdom)
- France Télévisions (France)
- LNK TV (Lithuania)
- RTBF / OUFtivi (Belgium)
- Super RTL - RTL Disney Fernsehen (Germany)

Investor/Distributor of the Year

- AB International Distribution (France)
- BBC Worldwide (United Kingdom)
- De Agostini Editore (Italy)
- Editions Milan (France)
- ZDF Enterprises (Germany)

Producer of the Year

- 2 Minutes (France)
- Ellipsanime Productions (France)
- Grid Animation (Belgium)
- Spider Eye (United Kingdom)
- Tiger Aspect Productions (United Kingdom)

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 500 animation series obtain financing to the tune of over 2 billion euros. The main partners of Cartoon Forum Toulouse are MEDIA - the programme of the European Union, CNC (Centre national du cinéma et de l'image animée), Région Midi-Pyrénées, Mairie de Toulouse, la communauté urbaine 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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List of the selected projects: cartoon-media.com/cartoon-forum/cartoon-forum-2013/discover-the-projects.htm

Poster of the event and high-res stills of the projects: cartoon-media.com/cartoon-forum/cartoon-forum-2013/media/press.htm (password: **cftoulouse13**).

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