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EUROPEAN ANIMATION PROFESSIONALS AWARD COMPANIES FROM GERMANY AND SPAIN WITH THE CARTOON TRIBUTES

Companies from Germany and Spain have been recognised with the **Cartoon Tributes**, the awards given by European animation professionals in acknowledgement of the outstanding work of investors, broadcasters and producers over the previous year. Winners were voted by the 1,075 professionals attending Cartoon Forum, the co-production event for European animated series wrapping up on Thursday 22nd in the French city of Toulouse.

The Investor and Producer of the Year awards went to Spanish companies (GoldBee and Peekaboo Animation, respectively), while Germany's KiKA was recognised as Broadcaster of the Year. Companies from Denmark, France, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, and Slovakia were also among the finalists of Cartoon Tributes' 16th edition.

Barcelona-based **GoldBee** was recognised as **Investor/Distributor of the Year**. With a catalogue of more than 2,500 half-hour programs, the company provides broadcasters and digital platforms with children's and family content. "Ziggy and the Zootram", "Henrietta", and "Cleo & Cuquin" are some of the series included in its roster. The list of nominees in this category also included DR Sales (Denmark), KidsMe (Italy), and Nathan Univers Jeunesse (France).

The **Broadcaster of the Year** award went to Germany's **KiKA**. Operated jointly by public-service broadcasters ARD & ZDF, KiKA is Germany's leading children content provider. Dedicated exclusively to children, from pre-schoolers to pre-teens, this platform features commercial and violence-free content through its linear and non-linear offerings. "Odo", "Stinky Dog", "Edmund and Lucy", "Sir Mouse", and "Animanimals" are some of the European series included in the channel's schedule. GLITCH (The Netherlands), Radio and Television of Slovakia – RTVS (Slovakia), and TF1 Unité Jeunesse (France) were also finalists in this category.

Also based in Barcelona, **Peekaboo Animation** is an independent production company that received the **Producer of the Year** award. With extensive experience in animation, Peekaboo Animation prides itself on “creating, drawing, writing, producing, and financing its own shows with fresh and innovative ideas.” “I, Elvis Riboldi”, “My Little Heroes”, and “Mironins” are among Peekaboo Animation’s best-known series, while their upcoming project “Best Friends Forever... Stranded!” was presented this year at Cartoon Forum. Poland’s Letko, France’s Normaal, and Watch Next Media were also finalists in this category.

CARTOON TRIBUTES 2022 WINNERS

- Investor/Distributor of the Year: GoldBee (Spain).
- Broadcaster of the Year: KiKA (Germany).
- Producer of the Year: Peekaboo Animation (Spain).

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 922 animation series obtain financing to the tune of over 3.95 billion EUR. The 33rd Cartoon Forum is organised by CARTOON – European Association of Animation Film with the support of Creative Europe – MEDIA, the CNC (Centre national du cinéma et de l’image animée), Région Occitanie, Mairie de Toulouse, Toulouse Métropole, Casino Barrière and France Télévisions.

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