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## **WINNERS FOR THE CARTOON MOVIE TRIBUTES REVEALED IN BORDEAUX**

**Bordeaux, 9th March 2023. Voted by their fellow European animation professionals, the winners for the Cartoon Tributes Producer, Director, and Distributor/Sales Agent of the Year were announced today at a ceremony held in Bordeaux. The awards resulted from a poll of the 876 participants in Cartoon Movie, the pitching and co-production event for European animated films that is coming to an end today in the capital of the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region. The trophies of the 22<sup>nd</sup> edition of these awards went to individuals and companies from France and Netherlands, and to a co-production feature film involving studios from France, Italy, Switzerland, Portugal, and Belgium.**

The producers of “No Dogs or Italians Allowed” – a co-production between five European countries - were singled out as Producer of the Year, while Mascha Halberstad was voted Director of the Year for “OINK”. Finally, KMBO was elected Distributor of the Year.

“No Dogs or Italians Allowed” is a co-production between France's Les Films du Tambour de Soie, Vivement Lundi !, and Foliascope together with Italy's Graffiti Film, Switzerland's Nadasdy Film, Portugal's Ocidental Filmes, and Belgium's Lux Fugit Film. Directed by Alain Ughetto (“Jasmine”), this stop-motion film won both the Jury Prize at Annecy and the European Film Award for Best European Animated Film in 2022.

Dutch filmmaker and illustrator Mascha Halberstad was recognised as Director of the Year for her first feature film “OINK” that premiered at the Berlinale in 2022 as Opening Film of the Generation K+ section, and was nominated for the European Film Awards 2022. Halberstad

has presented her next film at Cartoon Movie: “Fox and Hare Save the Forest”, based on Sylvia Vanden Heede’s books.

Created in 2007, Paris-based KMBO is a film distribution company whose catalogue combines auteur and commercial animated films. “The Amazing Maurice”, “Moonbound”, “Just Super”, and “The Elfkins – Baking a Difference”, are some of the titles distributed by the company recently.

## **CARTOON TRIBUTES 2023 WINNERS**

- **Producers of the Year:** Les Films du Tambour de Soie, Vivement Lundi !, and Foliascope (France), Graffiti Film (Italy), Nadasdy Film (Switzerland), Ocidental Filmes (Portugal), and Lux Fugit Film (Belgium) for “No Dogs or Italians Allowed”
- **Director of the Year:** Mascha Halberstad for “OINK” (Netherlands)
- **Distributor of the Year:** KMBO (France)

Photos of the winners available from downloading in the following link: <https://bit.ly/3LoConh>

**The following films and companies were also among the nominees:**

**Director of the Year:** Amandine Fredon & Benjamin Massoubre for “Little Nicholas – Happy as Can Be” (France); Áron Gauder for “Four Souls of Coyote” (Hungary), and José Miguel Ribeiro for “Nayola” (Portugal).

**Distributor/Sales Agent of the Year:** I Wonder Pictures (Italy), Pink Parrot Media (Spain), and Rosebud.21 (Greece)

**Producer of the Year:** Ulysses Filmproduktion (Germany) / Cantilever Media (UK) for “The Amazing Maurice”; Mikrofilm (Norway) / Vivi Film (Belgium) for “Titina”; and Abano Produções, and UniKo (Spain) / Autour de Minuit, and Schmuby/Borderline Films (France) for “Unicorn Wars”.

## **About Cartoon Movie & CARTOON**

Since 1999, 447 films have been financially supported by Cartoon Movie with a total budget of 2.92 billion euros. Organised by CARTOON, Cartoon Movie is an annual forum aimed at strengthening the production and distribution of animated feature films in Europe. The event has the support of Creative Europe - MEDIA, CNC (Centre national du cinéma et de l’image animée), Région Nouvelle-Aquitaine, Bordeaux Métropole, and Pôle Image Magelis.

**CARTOON** – European Association of Animation Film is an international non-profit association based in Brussels that organises Cartoon Movie, together with Cartoon Forum, a co-production forum for animated TV series, and Cartoon Masters training seminars.

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