

PRESS RELEASE  
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## THE WINNER OF THE EURIMAGES CO-PRODUCTION DEVELOPMENT AWARD AT CARTOON MOVIE IS:

**“Pesta”**

by Hanne Berkaak

produced by Mikrofilm (Norway), in collaboration with  
Xilam Films (France) & Knudsen Pictures (Germany)

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Cartoon Movie and Eurimages, the cultural fund of the Council of Europe, are pleased to announce the winner of the €20,000 **Eurimages Co-production Development Award**.

This award has been created as an initiative to promote the Fund's role in encouraging international co-production from the initial stages of a project. It recognises an artistically outstanding animation project in its development phase.

The jury for this award, granted during the 26th edition of Cartoon Movie in Bordeaux, was composed of Eleni Chandrinou (Eurimages – Greece), Gaetano Maiorino (True Colors – Italy), and Martin Gondre (Best Friends Forever – Belgium).

After facing the challenging task of choosing among the remarkable animation projects pitched, the jury has decided to award the [Eurimages Co-production Development Award](#)

to a very daring and ambitious artistic work, that pushes the boundaries of genre and presents an original audience approach. "Pesta" is a film with a clear vision and a well-balanced creative collaboration between an almost all-female team.

Set in Norway during the Black Death, "Pesta" tells a tragic love story between an unlikely couple: the pious noble girl Astrid (17) and the outlaw heathen Eilev (17). Their paths cross as the world as they know it is coming to an end, creating a possibility for a relationship that defies societal norms.

### **About Cartoon Movie**

Since its first edition in 1999, 467 films have been financially supported by Cartoon Movie with a total budget of 3.06 billion EUR. 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 the training seminars Cartoon Springboard, CartoonNext, and Cartoon Business.

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