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CARTOON MOVIE TRIBUTES ANNOUNCE WINNERS IN BORDEAUX

Cartoon Movie - the pitching and co-production event for European animated films - has announced the winners of the Distributor, Director, and Producer of the Year awards. Voted by the 886 professionals from 35 countries attending the 26th edition of the event, these prizes recognise the companies and personalities whose major contributions in their respective fields have significantly enhanced the European animation industry over the previous year. France and Ukraine shared the podium in this new edition of Cartoon Movie, which closed its doors on March 7 in the French city of Bordeaux.

Cartoon Movie Tributes 2024 winners are:

- **Distributor of the Year:** Eurozoom (France)
- **Director of the Year:** Jérémie Périn for “Mars Express” (France)
- **Producer of the Year:** Animagrad (FILM.UA Group) for “Mavka. The Forest Song” (Ukraine)

Created in 1997, Paris based **Eurozoom** is an independent film distributor with an extensive catalogue of European animated films, including Anca Damian's “The Island”, Salvador Simó's “ Buñuel in the Labyrinth of the Turtles” and Jan Bultheel's “Cafard”.

Jérémie Périn's debut film, “**Mars Express**” is a neo-noir science fiction film that was first presented at Cartoon Movie in 2019. Produced by Everybody On Deck and produced with the support of the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region and the Charente Department, this

fiction about the evolution of science was released in France in November 2023 after being screened at the Cannes and Annecy festivals.

Animagrad studio was founded in 2012 as a part of Film.UA Group and has become one of the leading animation studios in Eastern Europe. In 2017 the company held the first international pitching of “**Mavka: The Forest Song**” at Cartoon Movie. Following its premiere in Ukraine in March of last year the film was sold to more than 80 countries.

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The following films and companies were also among the nominees:

- Distributor of the Year: Films4You (Portugal), Pro Films (Bulgaria), and Selmer Media (Norway).
- Director of the Year: Enzo D’Alò for “A Greyhound of a Girl” (Italy), Isabel Herguera for “Sultana’s Dream” (Spain), and Chiara Malta & Sébastien Laudenbach for “Chicken for Linda!” (France).
- Producer of the Year: Fernando Trueba Prod. (Spain) / Les Films d’Ici Méditerranée (France) / Submarine (Netherlands) & Animanostra (Portugal) & Gao Shan Pictures (France) for “They Shot the Piano Player”, Sacrebleu Productions (France) / Take Five (Belgium) & Ciel de Paris (France) for “Sirocco and the Kingdom of the Winds”, and TAT productions (France) for “The Jungle Bunch: World Tour”, and “Epic Tails”.

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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