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Discover the Cartoon d'Or and the Cartoon Tributes nominees 2015

The Award Ceremony - 17 September - Toulouse, Midi-Pyrénées

The French city of Toulouse will host the 26th edition of Cartoon Forum, the co-production platform for European animation series from 15-18 September 2015. Along with the presentation of projects, this key event for the European animation sector will host a ceremony for the **Cartoon d'Or**, the pan-European award for animation short film and the **Cartoon Tributes**, the professional awards given to broadcasters, investors/distributors and producers that have had a positive and dynamic influence on TV animation industry over the last year.

The Award Ceremony will take place on **Thursday 17 September** 2015 at 20:00 in Toulouse.

Six films nominated for Cartoon d'Or 2015!

The Cartoon d'Or rewards the best of the best European animated short films since only prize-winning films can enter the competition.

The six nominees for the Cartoon d'Or 2015 are:

- **A Single Life** by Job, Joris & Marieke, Netherlands, 2'15, prod: Job, Joris & Marieke
- **Autumn Leaves** by Carlos De Carvalho & Aude Danset, France, 10'30, prod: Je Regarde / Melting Productions / In Efecto
- **Brothers in Arms** by Cav Bøgelund, Denmark, 30'00, prod: Film Maker
- **Coda** by Alan Holly, Ireland, 9'00, prod: and maps and plans / The Irish Film Board / The Arts Council of Ireland / RTE
- **I can't wait** by Claire Sichez, France, 5'00, prod: Les Films d'Ici 2 / La Station Animation
- **The Bigger Picture** by Daisy Jacobs, United Kingdom, 7'30, prod: Chris Hees / National Film and Television School

The jury was composed of producer Philippe Delarue (Futurikon, France), director Jan Bultheel (Tondo Films, Belgium) and producer Paul Young (Cartoon Saloon, Ireland). They have watched 31 films which had won an award at one of CARTOON's partner festivals and selected the 6 nominees.

The Award Ceremony will start with the screening of the nominated films in front of all animation professionals attending Cartoon Forum. The winner will be announced and will receive a 10,000 EUR grant, thanks to the support of Creative Europe - MEDIA. The Cartoon d'Or evening is sponsored by Région Midi-Pyrénées.

The aim of the Cartoon d'Or is to promote European animation talents and to create a link between the artists and the industry. This is the reason why the directors are invited to attend Cartoon Forum, gathering about 900 sector professionals, including 270 buyers.

Fifteen European animation companies vying for Cartoon Tributes 2015

The aim of the Cartoon Tributes is to reward outstanding achievements, companies or personalities that have had a positive and dynamic influence on TV animation industry over the last year. A total of 15 companies and personalities are among the nominees for these awards, for which France, the UK and Germany have a leading role. Five French animation companies are nominated for Cartoon Tributes 2015. As the UK and Germany, they will be represented respectively by four and three animation companies.

For France, **TF1 Unité Jeunesse** (for 4-10 years) is vying for Broadcaster of the Year, **PGS Entertainment** ("ALVINNN !!! and the Chipmunks", "The Little Prince", "The Jungle Bunch", ...) and **Superights** ("Molusco", "Story Time", "The Big Picnic", etc.) will compete for Investor/Distributor of the Year while **Gaumont Animation** ("Pok & Mok", "Belle and Sebastian" - Cartoon Forum 2015, ...) and **Vivement Lundi !** ("Dimitri" - released in 2014 in France and Award for the best animated series for children, International Festival of the Ottawa Animation Film 2014, "Word Games", "The Science of Botheration", "The Horn Quartet" - Cartoon Forum 2015, ...) are selected as Producer of the Year.

For the UK, **CBBC - BBC Children's** (for 6-12 years) rounds up the list of nominees for Broadcaster of the Year, **Entertainment One** ("Peppa Pig", "Humf", "Ben & Holly's Little Kingdom", "PJ Masks", "Winston & Steinburger Sir Dudley Ding Dong", ...) and **Jetpack Distribution** ("Jamie's Got Tentacles", "Endangered Species", etc.) will compete for Investor/Distributor of the Year and **Sixteen South** ("Lily's Driftwood Bay" presented at Cartoon Forum 2012 and on our screens since May 2014, "Claude" presented in 2014 and already financed and "Frankie and Doris" which will be presented to Forum 2015) for Producer of the Year.

For Germany, **Hessischer Rundfunk** (for 6-12 years) is nominated for Broadcaster of the Year, **Edel Kids** ("Yakari", "Mia and me", ...) for Investor/Distributor of the Year and **Studio Film Bilder** which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year ("Tom", "The Bunjies", "Animanimals", etc.) for Producer of the Year.

Moreover, it is the first time that a Polish producer is nominated. Founded in 2004, **GS Animation** has produced many animated projects such as "Harry and Toto" (Cartoon Forum 2006), "Mami Fatale" (Cartoon Forum 2010), "Bear Me", "Basia" (Cartoon Forum 2011 - the 1st season is already funded and they are planning a second one), "Grand Banda" (Cartoon Forum 2014), ...

All professionals attending the Cartoon Forum will vote on site for their favourite nominee in 3 categories. The evening of the Cartoon Tributes is sponsored by the Mairie de Toulouse and Toulouse Metropole.

Cartoon Tributes 2015 nominees are:

BROADCASTER OF THE YEAR

- Cartoon Network (Europe)
- CBBC – BBC Children's (United Kingdom)
- Estonian Public Broadcasting (Estonia)
- Hessischer Rundfunk (Germany)
- TF1 Unité Jeunesse (France)

INVESTOR/DISTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR

- Edel Kids (Germany)
- Entertainment One (United Kingdom)
- Jetpack Distribution (United Kingdom)
- PGS Entertainment (France)
- Superights (France)

PRODUCER OF THE YEAR

- Gaumont Animation (France)
- GS Animation (Poland)
- Sixteen South (United Kingdom)
- Studio Film Bilder (Germany)
- Vivement Lundi ! (France)

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 594 animation series obtain financing to the tune of over 2 billion euros.

The main partners of Cartoon Forum Toulouse are Creative Europe - MEDIA, CNC (Centre national du cinéma et de l'image animée), Région Midi-Pyrénées, Mairie de Toulouse, 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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Images

High-resolution stills of the Cartoon d'Or nominees available for downloading in the Press Area:

<http://www.cartoon-media.eu/home/press-login.htm>

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The **list of selected projects** can be found at this link:

<http://www.cartoon-media.eu/cartoon-forum/cartoon-forum-2015/discover-the-projects-2015.htm>

Poster of the event and high-resolution stills of the projects available for downloading in the Press Area:

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