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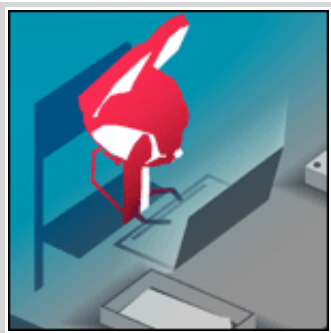
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## Please Say Something Nabs Cartoon D'Or in Norway

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David O'Reilly's acclaimed short *Please Say Something* was selected as the winner of the Cartoon D'Or Award at the 20th Edition of the Cartoon Forum event, held in Stavanger, Norway this year. The short, which also won the Golden Bear Award at the 2009 Berlin International Film Festival and has been a festival circuit favorite in recent months, chronicles the trouble relationship between a cat and a mouse in a distant future. Completed in January, the film contains 23 episodes of exactly 25 seconds each.

The Irish-born, Berlin-based O'Reilly was also picked as one of Animation Magazine's Rising Stars earlier this year.

"This film was ultimately the result of several failed experiments at using 3D animation to convey serious drama," he says. "I wanted to make a film which was entirely contained in its own world without referencing older animation techniques or live action... a pure expression of the tools we use. I wanted to prove you could produce emotion and authenticity with something blatantly artificial and unrealistic. You can even do it without facial expressions. I also just wanted to tell a good story!"

In recent months, O'Reilly also directed an animated music video for U2's "I'll Go Crazy, If I Don't Go Crazy Tonight."

The other four animated shorts nominated for the Cartoon D'Or were Uzi and Lotta Geffenblad's *Aston's Stones* (Zigzag Animation, Sweden), Bastien Dubois' *Madagascar, Carnet de Voyage* (Sacrebleu Productions, France), Merwan Chabane's *Party Animals* (Onyx Films, France) and Nick Park's *Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death* (Aardman Animations, U.K.) The five finalists were selected by the jury composed of directors Serge Elissalde (France), Tomm Moore (Ireland) and Kari Juusonen (Finland), from a total of 29 short films that were singled out as Cartoon Forum's festival partners.



[Please Say Something - Full Length from David O'Reilly on Vimeo.](#)