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'Please Say Something' in Final Five for Cartoon d'Or Competition

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David O'Reilly's 'Please Say Something' has been chosen as one of the five finalists for the Cartoon d'Or 2009 competition as nominated by The European Association of Animation Film. The winner will be announced in the Norwegian city of Stavanger on September 24.

'Please Say Something' is a 10 minute short concerning a troubled relationship between a Cat and Mouse set in the distant future. The final film was completed in January 2009 and contains 23 episodes of exactly 25 seconds each. Written and directed by David O'Reilly, the film won the Golden Bear for Best Short Film earlier this year at the 59th Berlin International Film Festival.

The Cartoon d'Or was created in 1991 to support upcoming talent in European animation; this is the only pan-European prize specifically for animated films.

The four other nominees are

- Uzi and Lotta Geffenblad for "Aston's Stones" (Sweden)
- Merwan Chabane for "Party Animals" (France)
- Bastien Dubois for "Madagascar, carnet de voyage" (France)
- Nick Park for "Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death" (United Kingdom)

The finalists will have the opportunity to present their films to over 700 participants at Cartoon Forum, the annual European rendez-vous to support the co-production, financing and distribution of animation series for television and new media platforms which will be held in Rogaland, Norway from September 22-25.

The winner - which will be voted by a jury made up of the directors Tomm Moore (The Secret of Kells) Serge Elissalde, and Kari Juusonen - will receive funding towards his or her next animation project.

For further information log onto: www.cartoon-media.eu
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