



Press release  
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## Record participation for the 20<sup>th</sup> Cartoon Movie!

Cartoon Movie, the European pitching event for animation films, took place in Bordeaux last week with more than 900 participants (+20% in two years) from 41 different countries, with 257 buyers including 126 distributors and sales agents. Organised by CARTOON, the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of this professional forum was the ideal platform to assess the current state of European animation whilst boosting 60 new projects featuring a wide variety of genres and production techniques.

### BUZZ FILMS AND TRENDS

During these two days, the pitching sessions got a full house. The most successful projects during Cartoon Movie were a mixture of artistic and political films ("**The Bears' Famous Invasion of Sicily**" by Prima Linea Productions, "**Allah is not Obligated**" by Special Touch Studios, "**Dragonkeeper**" by Dragoia Media, "**Another Day of Life**" by Platige Films / Kanaki Films, "**White Plastic Sky**" by Paprika Films, ...) but also, family films have remained the focus of Cartoon Movie's projects ("**Terra Willy**" by TAT productions, "**White Fang**" by Superprod, "**Elli and the Ghostly Ghost Train**" by Zooper Film, "**The Boy who switched off the Sun**" by Fourth Wall Creative, ...).

### THE 10 PROJECTS ATTRACTING THE MOST BUYERS:

- "**The Bears' Famous Invasion of Sicily**" by Lorenzo Mattotti (Italian comics artist and illustrator) – Prima Linea Productions (France). Winner of the Special Prize of the Gan Foundation for Cinema 2016. The project is made in Angoulême. *In production.*
- "**Dragonkeeper**" by Ignacio Ferreras & Jian-Ping Li – Dragoia Media (Spain). This ambitious family project is in co-production with China. *In development.*
- "**Terra Willy**", the new adventure movie of Eric Tosti – TAT productions (France), producers of "The Jungle Bunch". It is about the discovering of the planet, its fauna and flora, and its dangers. *In development.*
- "**The Boy who switched off the Sun**" by Chris Capstick – Fourth Wall Creative (UK). *In development.*

- **"What a Circus!"** by Eric Gutierrez – Label Anim (France). *In development.*
- **"Elli and the Ghostly Ghost Train"** by Piet de Rycker & Jesper Møller – Zooper Film (Germany). *In development.*
- **"Unicorn Wars"** by Alberto Vazquez – Autour de Minuit (France). Same production team than the "Psychonauts". *In development.*
- **"The Sea Wolf"** by Emmanuel Gorinstein – Elda productions (France). Adaptation from the book of Jack London. *In development.*
- **"White Fang"** by Alexandre Espigares (2014 Oscar-winner for "Mr Hublot") – Superprod (France). The animated adventure is inspired by Jack London's famous novel. *In sneak preview.*
- **"Lulu & Nelson"** by Paul Leluc – Les Armateurs (France). *In development.*

### **CARTOON GAMES & TRANSMEDIA: A DEEPER INSIGHT INTO THE VIDEO GAME INDUSTRY**

Cartoon organised "Cartoon Games & Transmedia": it consists of a complete afternoon with keynotes on the video game industry, case-studies to show successful examples of video games from animation IP and B2B meetings & exchanges between participants. This special event took place in order to establish a new synergy between the sector of animation and video game and in the long term, to encourage producers to bring game and transmedia partner at the same early stage as the co-producer and the distributor in the process of a feature film.

This year, key players from the video game industry (Ubisoft, ShinyPix, Remote Control Productions, Waveor, Solidanim, Happy Volcano, Drakhar Studio...) from Belgium, France, Germany, Italia or Spain were present.

### **CARTOON MOVIE TRIBUTES 2018**

During the 20<sup>th</sup> Cartoon Movie, participants voted for the winners of the Cartoon Tributes 2018: the Awards for outstanding contribution to the development of European animation over the last year. Considered one of European animation most prestigious rewards, the winners are:

- **DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR:** Dorota Kobiela (Poland) & Hugh Welchman (UK) for **"Loving Vincent"**
- **DISTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR:** Latido Films (Spain)
- **PRODUCER OF THE YEAR:** Platige Films (Poland) / Kanaki Films (Spain) / Walking the Dog (Belgium) / Wüste Film (Germany) / Animationsfabrik (Germany) / Puppetworks (Hungary) for **"Another Day of Life"**

### **THE EURIMAGES CO-PRODUCTION DEVELOPMENT AWARD 2018**

The Council of Europe's Eurimages Fund has joined forces with Cartoon Movie in order to award **the Eurimages Co-production Development Award** for animation films. This cash-prize of €20,000 has been created to promote the Fund's role in encouraging international animated co-production from the initial stages of a project.

The first Eurimages Co-production Development Award was awarded to the project **"KARA"** by **Sinem Sakaoglu**, to be co-produced by **Visual Distractions** (Germany) and **Beast Animation** (Belgium).

Download the special press release, here: <http://bit.ly/2Im9AIW>

## SPOTLIGHT ON SPAIN

For the second time, Cartoon Movie put the spotlight on a country. This year, **Spain**, a country which has a dynamic animation industry well-recognised on an international level, has been chosen for being the spotlight country. With its vast international experience, its awarded artists, its innovative and well recognised digital software companies and its new incentives recently, Spain is a great partner to make your production a success.

The spotlight on Spain was supported by ICAA (The Institute of Cinematography and Audiovisual Arts, an autonomous body overseen by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports of Spain), Diboos, the Spanish Federation of Animation Producers' Associations (the umbrella body of the sector's principal association), and Animation from Spain.

**On the strength of its nine selected projects** (including co-productions) this year, Spanish animation appeared as a constant thread throughout Cartoon Movie. Out of its nine selected projects, five were particularly successful: "**Dragonkeeper**" (Dragoia Media – in development), "**Unicorn Wars**" (Abano Productions & UniKo - in development), "**Another Day of Life**" (Kanaki Films - in sneak preview), "**Elcano & Magellan, The First Voyage Around the World**" (Dibulitoon Studio - in production) and "**Buñuel in the Labyrinth of the Turtles**" (by The Glow Animation Studio - in production).

## ABOUT CARTOON MOVIE

Since 1999, 302 films pitched at Cartoon Movie, with a total budget of 2 billion Euros, have secured their financing and have been released thanks to this annual forum aimed at strengthening the production and distribution of animated feature films in Europe.

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## ABOUT CARTOON

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, 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

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

<http://www.cartoon-media.eu/cartoon-movie-event/cartoon-movie-2018/discover-the-projects-2022.htm>

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

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

Password: cmbordeaux2018

**Pictures of the event:**

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