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## Cartoon Movie Tributes 2018 nominees

- "Loving Vincent", "The Breadwinner", "Zombillenium" and "The Big Bad Fox and Other Tales" among the nominees.
- Over 900 professionals attending Cartoon Movie will be voting the winners who will be announced in Bordeaux, France on 9<sup>th</sup> March.

**CARTOON MOVIE**, pitching and co-production event for animated features, has announced the finalists for **Cartoon Tributes 2018**, the awards for outstanding contribution to the development of European animation over the last year. Divided into three categories – Director, Distributor and Producer of the Year – this year's Cartoon Tributes bring together the best of the latest European animated features as well as some of the continent's most active companies within the industry.

### European Director of the Year

- **Dorota Kobiela** (Poland) & **Hugh Welchman** (UK) are nominated for their long feature "**Loving Vincent**" (released October 2017). This film received the Public Prize at Annecy International Animated Film Festival 2017, The Best Feature at European Film Awards 2017 and is nominated for the Best Animated Feature Film at the 90<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards (Oscars).
- **Nora Twomey** (Ireland) is nominated for the movie "**The Breadwinner**" (Same team as "Secret of Kells" and "Song of the Sea"). This long feature won an Annie Award for Best Animated Feature-Independent and is nominated for the Best Animated Feature Film at the 90<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards (Oscars).
- **Arthur de Pins** & **Alexis Ducord** (France) are nominated for the film "**Zombillenium**" (released in October 2017) which is also nominated for The Best Animated feature at the César Awards 2018. The movie was nominated for the European Film Awards and the Cannes Festival in 2017. This year, Alexis Ducord will present "In The Dark and Mysterious Forest" which is an adaptation from "Dans la Forêt Sombre et Mystérieuse" by Windshluss (aka Vincent Paronnaud who is known for co-writing and co-direction with Marjan Satrapi the highly acclaimed film "Persepolis").

- **Benjamin Renner & Patrick Imbert** (France) for "**The Big Bad Fox and Other Tales**" released in June 2017. The movie is nominated for The Best Animated feature at the César Awards 2018 and was nominated for the Best Animated Feature and Outstanding Achievement for Directing in an Animated Feature Production at Annie Awards 2018.

### European Distributor of the Year

Four companies will compete for "European Distributor of the Year":

- **Latido Films** (Spain) is a sales company behind the international success of "Psiconautas: the Forgotten", "Selkirk, the Real Robinson", "Caroline and the Magic", "The Happets in the Rainbow", "Buñuel in the Labyrinth of the Turtles", "Memoirs of a Man in Pajamas", etc.
- **Pro Films** (Bulgaria) is distributor of indie animations in Bulgaria. Some of the films released by the company are "Manou the Swift", "Luis and the Aliens", "Marnie's World", "Ploey: You Never Fly Alone", etc.
- **SND Groupe M6** (France) is the film distribution subsidiary of the M6 Group, a TV network in Europe. SND handles film distribution, video publishing, international sales and film production. Recent animation highlights include: "Asterix, Land of the Gods", "The Nutjob 1 & 2" and "The Jungle Bunch."
- **Windmill Film** (The Netherlands) is an independent film distributor exploiting theatrical, video, TV and VoD rights in Benelux. Recent animation titles: "Ernest & Celestine", "Minuscule - The Valley of the Lost Ants", "My Life as a Courgette", "The Jungle Bunch", etc.

### European Producer of the Year

The shortlist for "European Producer of the Year" includes:

- **Platige Films** (Poland) / **Kanaki Films** (Spain) / **Walking the Dog** (Belgium) / **Wüste Film** (Germany) / **Animationsfabrik** (Germany) / **Puppetworks** (Hungary) for "**Another Day of Life**", a non-fiction record of three months of the Angolan Civil War by the Polish writer Ryszard Kapuściński directed by **Raul de la Fuente** and **Damian Nenow** ("Paths of Hate").
- **A. Film Production** (Denmark) releasing 5 animation films between October 2017 and December 2018. A. Film Production had and will have 5 feature film premieres in the time of a little more than a Year: "The Incredible story of the Giant Pear" (With Nordisk Film - DK) and "The Little Vampire" (Dutch/German/Danish) in October 2017. "Up and away" in February 2018 (Formerly known as "Hodja and the Magic Carpet"), "Luis and the Aliens" (Germany/Luxembourg/Denmark) which will have its premiere in Denmark in June 2018. And then their own Danish "The Tickered Ninja" with a premiere scheduled in December 2018.
- **TAT productions** (France) for "**The Jungle Bunch**" (released at the end of July 2017), a feature animation film with 1 million of viewers at an international level.
- **Superprod** (France) and **Bidibul Productions** (Luxembourg) for "**White Fang**", an animated adventure inspired by Jack London's famous novel. The film was running in competition in the Sundance Kids Section and will have its premiere in France on March 28.

## Eurimages Co-production Development Awards

The Council of Europe's Eurimages Fund has joined forces with ten co-production markets all over the world in order to award the Eurimages Co-production Development Award. This award has been created to promote the Fund's role in encouraging international co-production from the initial stages of a project. The winner in animation will be announced Friday 9 March during Cartoon Movie.

*This year, the nominees are:*

Title	Main Production Company	Main Production Country	Co-production Company	Co-production Country
<i>My Friend Finnick</i>	FunGameMedia	Germany	Riki Group	Russia
<i>The Impossible Journey</i>	El Viaje Imposible	Spain	3 Doubles Producciones	Spain
<i>Trip to Teulada</i>	Mareterraniu	France	Virtual IT	United Kingdom
<i>Yuku and the Flower of the Himalayas</i>	La Boîte,...Productions	Belgium	12 Pingüinos	Spain
<i>A Greyhound of a Girl</i>	Paul Thiltges Distributions	Luxembourg	Mommotty	Italy
<i>Allah is not Obligated</i>	Special Touch Studios	France	Les Films du Nord	France
<i>As Long As the Grass Grows</i>	Les Batelières Productions	France	Nadasdy Film	Switzerland
<i>Coppelia</i>	Submarine	Netherlands	The Illuminated Film Company	United Kingdom
<i>Elli and the Ghostly Ghost Train</i>	Zooper Film	Germany	Aliante	Italy
<i>Folio d'Alba</i>	Nexus Factory	Belgium	Paul Thiltges Distributions	Luxembourg
<i>Hoodoo</i>	Mozaic Productions	France	Cinemon Entertainment	Hungary
<i>Kara</i>	Visual Distractions	Germany	3 Minutes West	Netherlands
<i>The Sea Wolf</i>	Elda productions	France	Lunanime	Belgium
<i>Unicorn Wars</i>	Autour de Minuit	France	MotionWorks	Germany
<i>Upside Down</i>	Snowcloud Films	Sweden	Grid Animation	Belgium
<i>White Plastic Sky</i>	Paprika Films	France	Film & Video Production	Switzerland
			Letko	Poland
			Bioscopewala	India
			Studio Eeksaorus	India
			Beast Productions	Belgium
			Je Suis Bien Content	France
			Melusine Productions	Luxembourg
			UniKo	Spain
			Schmuby Productions	France
			Abano Productions	Spain
			First Lady Film	Denmark
			SALTO FILM	Hungary
			Artichoke	Slovakia

## About Cartoon Movie

Since 1999, over 301 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:

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**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>

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