

## **Spike and Mike's New Generation Animation Festival Synopsis List**

### **Missed Aches**

Joanna Priestley

USA

TRT: 00:04:00

Technique: Flash Character Animation. Text animated in After Effects.

**Synopsis:** Missed Aches demonstrates how the shortcomings of spellcheck can result in unexpected double entendres. The film is narrated by slam poet Taylor Mali, who led teams to four championships in the National Poetry Slam (USA). Missed Aches is based on Mali's poem "The Impotence of Proofreading".

Awards:

USA Film Festival: Finalist

Black Maria Film Festival (USA): Director's Choice Award

### **Stillwaters**

Andrew Ford

Canada

TRT: 3:35:00

Technique: Computer3D

**Synopsis:** An elderly man is robbed of his bird by a would be assailant, but little does the criminal know that the old man is well prepared for such an encounter and ends up killing and feeding the man to his birds and animals.

Awards:

Best College Short - Kids First! Film Festival

Viewer's Choice Award - POW! Film Festival

"Most Promising" - 2nd Place - Teletoon Animation Scholarship

### **For Sock's Sake**

Carlo Vogele

France

TRT: 04:47:00

Technique: Computer Animation

**Synopsis:** A young sock escapes from the clothesline and is captured and lost in the next door neighbor's house. A chase ensues as its parents (other articles of clothing) come to its rescue.

Awards:

-Special Award - International - Classic Animation Student Films 6<sup>th</sup> International Student Film Festival Zlin Dog, 2009

-Best Student Short Film - Viewer's Choice 8<sup>th</sup> Monstra: Lisboa Animated Film Festival, 2009

-Best Graduation Film 33<sup>rd</sup> Annecy International Animation Film Festival, 2009

### **Lapsus**

Spain

Juan Pablo Zaramella

TRT: 03:30:00

Technique: 2D Animation

**Synopsis:** A curious nun ventures into the darker side of her animated world.

Awards:

• Hiroshima 2008 Animation Festival - **Special Jury Prize**

- VI International Festival of Animation Arts Multivision, Rusia - **First Prize**
- Cubanima 2008, Cuba - **1er Premio**
- Festival de Cortos Aguilar del Campoo 2007 – **Mejor Corto Iberoamericano**
- Etiuda & Anima 2007, Poland – **Bronze Jabberwocky**
- La Noche del Cortometraje 2007, Argentina – **Mención Especial**
- Castelli Animati, Cinecitta, Rome, Italy – **Special Mention**
- Fejorel 2007, Argentina – **Best Short 2007 & Best Animation**
- Marfici 2007- Festival de Cine Independiente de Mar del Plata – **Special Mention**
- Rencontres Internationales du Cinéma d'Animation de Wissembourg, France – **Special Mention**
- International Animated Film Festival KROK 2007, Russia / Ukrania – **Diploma**
- Festival du cinéma international en Abitibi-Témiscamingue 2007, Canada – **Audience Award for Best Animation**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Animest International Animation Film Festival, Romania – **Audience Award**
- In the Bin Short Film Festival 2007, Australia – **Best Animation**
- IV Festival Internacional de Animación de Córdoba - ANIMA'07, Argentina – **Best International Animation – Best Argentinian Animation**
- 14 Festival Latinoamericano de Video Rosario 2007, Argentina – **Best Animation**
- ANIMAMUNDI 2007, Brazil – **1<sup>st</sup> Prize Best Short Sao Paulo & 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Best Short Rio de Janeiro**
- XVI Festival Internacional de Cine para Niños y Jóvenes DIVERCINE 2007, Uruguay - **Mejor Cortometraje Divercine - Gran Premio Signis**
- Festival Internacional de Cine de Guadalajara 2007, México – **Special Mention**
- Anifest 2007, Czech Republic – **Special Jury Prize**

### **Yulia!**

Antoine Arditti

France

TRT: 05:45:00

Technique: 2D Drawn

**Synopsis:** Yulia suddenly vanishes out of her kitchen. She finds herself in a closed room with five levers fixed to the wall. By setting them in motion, she starts off a series of absurd events that will lead her to finding a soulmate.

Awards:

Annecy International Film Festival – Official Selection in Competition

Cannes International Film Festival – Cinecole Award

### **Western Spaghetti**

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USA

TRT: 00:33:00

Technique: Pixilation

**Synopsis:** A fun filled animated romp into the world of spaghetti making using artifacts of the American pop culture landscape.

Awards:

-Annecy International Animated Film Festival- 2009 **Won** Audience Award

-Nashville Film Festival 2009**2nd place** Best Animation

-Sundance Film Festival 2009 **Won** Short Filmmaking Award - Honorable Mention

### **Keylime Pie**

Trevor Jimenez

Canada

TRT: 03:35:00

Technique: 2D Drawn

**Synopsis:** One man's obsession with key lime pie turns ugly when he is confronted by the grim reaper right before his last piece of the amazing dessert.

Awards:

AFI Dallas 2008- Best Animated Short

Toronto International Film Festival Student Showcase- Best Cinematography

Toronto After Dark Film Festival- Silver Award Best Canadian short

Official Selection: Annecy 08, Ottawa International Animation Festival 2007, AFI fest 2007, Santa Barbara International Film Festival 2008, Mike Judge's the Animation Show, Zagreb Animafest 08, Animundi 08

### **Crab Revolution**

Arthur De Pins

France

TRT: 00:33:00

Technique: 2D Drawn

**Synopsis:** One species of crab is genetically forced to walk the earth in one direction, or are they?

Awards:

-Audience award at the **2004 Ottawa International Animation Festival**

-Audience Award at the **Annecy International Animated Film Festival**

-Nomination for the Cartoon d'Or at the **Cartoon Forum**

-Chameleon Award for Best Animated Film at the **2006 Brooklyn International Film Festival**

### **Stranded**

Derek Evanick

USA

TRT: 07:56:00

Technique: 2D Drawn

**Synopsis:** Funny things can happen when an individual is stranded on an island all by himself.

### **Santa: The Facist Years**

Bill Plympton

USA

TRT: 03:23:00

Technique: 2D Traditional Drawn Animation

**Synopsis:** A trip through history unfolds a dark time when the usually jolly Saint Nick turns to evil. He attempts to take over all the world's holidays through fear and force.

Awards:

2nd Place, Animation, BeFilm Underground FF, New York NY, April 28-May 2, 2009

Excellence in Writing, Independent Films, ASIFA-East Festival, May 3, 2009 Best

Screenplay, AnimAnima, Cacak, Serbia, Sept. 9-12, 2009

Annie Awards – Best Animated short subject nomination 2009

### **The Hidden Life of the Burrowing Owl**

Michael Roush

USA

TRT 05:07:00

Technique: 2D Computer

**Synopsis:** National Geographic type portrayal of the shy burrowing owl who seeks revenge on the humans by devising a clever way to make vehicles crash

Awards:

Comic Con 2009: Best Animated Film & Judge's Award

Fantasia Genre Film Festival: Best Short Film Silver Award

Palm Springs Short Fest: Programmed in the Best of Fest show

Mountainfilm in Telluride: Best of Fest Traveling Show

### **E1even Roses**

Pedram Goshtabpour

Canada

TRT: 05:00:00

Technique: 3D Computer

**Synopsis:** October 1929, in a small town fringing an advancing metropolis a love triangle propels passionate activities. Anna is modern, cool; Vince is big, smooth; Trevor is small, smitten. The two asymmetric males compete for Anna's attention through shameless and shameful acts. Dreams and dreads ignite teetering bulbs of love and pride.

Awards:

has won critical and audience awards, as well as official selection by festivals such as Cannes, Clermont-Ferrand, Zinebi, Kansas, Miami, Nashville, Brussels, Mofilm, Palm Springs.

### **Oktapodi**

Julien Bocabeille

French

TRT: 2:27

Technique: Computer Animation 3D

**Synopsis:** A pair of Octopi in love get split up after one is chosen for dinner and a hilarious chase ensues only ending in the other octopus being stolen by a seagull.

Awards:

2009 Academy Award Nominee – Best Animated Short

Anima Mundi – Best Character Animation

Annecy International Film Festival – Canal+Family Award (Student Film)

SIGGRAPH – Best of Show

SIGGRAPH – Audience Prize

### **KFJG #5**

Alexei Alexeev

Hungary

TRT: 02:07:00

Technique: 2D Animation

**Synopsis:** Three professional musicians, the Bear, the Rabbit and the Wolf, are practicing their art in the forest, but suddenly the hunter turns up on the scene...

Awards:

-12<sup>th</sup> Hiroshima International Animation Festival 2008 Special Mention

-4<sup>th</sup> Busho Budapest Short Film Festival 2008 Special Mention for Funniest Film

-2<sup>nd</sup> ANIMANIMA: International Animation Festival 2008 Honorary Mention

-27<sup>th</sup> Uppsala International Short Film Festival 2008 Audience Award

-51<sup>st</sup> DOK Leipzig: International Leipzig Festival for Documentary and Animated Film 2008 Audience Award – International

-39<sup>th</sup> Tampere Film Festival 2009 Best Animated Film – International

-16<sup>th</sup> Gütersloher Kurzfilmfestival 2009

### **A Town Called Panic: Cake**

Aardman

Belgium

TRT: 04:55:00

Technique: Stop Motion

**Synopsis:** A cowboy and an indian fight over a cake that a horse has baked all throughout the night only to be marauded and chased by a grizzly bear in the neighborhood.

Awards:

Official Selection (Out of Competition), 2009 Cannes Film Festival.

Official Selection, 2009 Toronto Film Festival.

Winner, Audience Award, 2009 Fantastic Fest.

### **Dog With Electric Collar**

Bronwynn Kidd

Australia

TRT: 04:40:00

Technique: 2D computer

**Synopsis:** A master puts an electric collar on her unruly and barking dog. While she is out hilarious consequences ensue as the most unusual circumstances unravel outside the apartment.

Awards:

2008 Australian Film Institute AFI award for Best Animated Short

### **Ghost of Stephen Foster**

Matthew Nastuk

Raymond S. Persi

TRT: 04:00:00

Technique: 2D computer

**Synopsis:** A man and a woman check into a haunted hotel and experience many pitfalls to a soundtrack created by "Squirrel Nut Zippers".

Awards:

Annie Award Nomination best animated short

Winner of "Best Animated Music Video" at the 1999 Vancouver Animation Festival

### **Quiet Log Time**

Breehn Burns

TRT: 01:04:00

Technique: 2D Computer

**Synopsis:** Dr. Tran is harassed by a chicken while trying to roast a hot dog over an open fire.

Awards: --

### **Slim Pickings**

Anthony Lucas

TRT: 05:00:00

Technique: Clay

**Synopsis:** A creature ends up eating his only friend when he begins to die of starvation

Awards:

1999 **Won** Creative Excellence in an Australian Short Film - Anthony Lucas  
1999 **Nominated** AFI Award Best Short Animation Film - Anthony Lucas

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