

Happy Birthday Mister Festival!

50 years dedicated to animation

Over the past 50 years, the Festival has gone through more changes than we can imagine. It has grown, developed, created its own personality, provoked and anticipated trends and remained true to its tastes and beliefs, making animation an art form in itself. However, the Festival is not afraid of standing back and taking a look at itself. It is always trying to improve and fine-tune and promote its choices without becoming big-headed, even though, today, it has become an unmissable event for the animation community the world over.

To celebrate its 50th anniversary the Festival will be reserving you an exceptional programme of retrospectives, exhibitions, great names from the industry. Why not come along and discover it all for yourselves!

The **Festival** not only offers a **selection of films in competition**, but also a **trip to the heart of the past, present and future of animation**. It is likewise the perfect occasion to take a look behind the scenes of films and their production secrets at meetings with directors, Making of and Work in progress.

Everyone from established or up-and-coming animators, directors, producers, teachers, students, studios, graphic designers, artists, long-standing fans or newcomers to the art and the general public takes part in the Festival.

The 2010 edition will be presenting an official selection made up of: films in competition in categories for short films, features, TV and commissioned films and graduation films along with sneak previews of out of competition shorts and features. Some 500 films to see or see again...

Each year, the **Festival poster** offers a different creation that can be related to a particular theme or current event. For this anniversary edition, we were looking for a conceptual design that would symbolically show off the number 50. Graphic artist Nathalie Pattier scooped up the votes with her design of the birthday number amidst a tangle of paper reels displaying the prizewinning films of the past 50 years.

The International Animation Film Market (Mifa) takes place at the same time as the Festival, from 9 to 11 June. The Mifa will also be celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2010! And the Creative Focus and Conferences (from 8 to 11 June 2010) round off the bill of these animated events.

For further information, go to the Festival website www.annecy.org or contact us:

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