



Press release 6th June 2011

The 35th Annecy International Animation Film Festival is off and running


6th June: off we go for a panoramic view!

Resolutely turned towards the future, this edition once again promises to be totally awesome, bewildering, brimming over with surprises and packed full of colour!

Annecy, is an undeniable success, year after year. The number of films received is still on the rise, with 1,986 productions from the different categories scrutinised by the selection committees.

To get an overview of what is happening during the week: 500 films, exhibitions, conferences, debates, meetings... Here are some highlights not to be missed.


Monday 6th June

 **8:30 pm** Opening ceremony (by invitation), screening of Studio Shorts (Pixar, Disney...).

10:15 pm Giant screen, Pâquier lawn: *Rango*

10:30 pm Musée-Château courtyard: *Popeye and the Thousand and One Nights* by Dave Fleischer, free entry

Tuesday 7th June


 **10:30 am** Bonlieu Grande salle: *Colorful* (feature film in competition)

11:30 am-1:00 pm Mifa Creative Focus, Events area: Walt Disney Animation Studios and Sony Pictures Animation recruitment session

3:00-6:00 Gobelins Annecy: "3D Animator" open day (CITIA cinema theatre)

4:00 pm Bonlieu Grande salle: *The Rabbi's Cat* (feature film in competition)

6:00 pm Décavision 2: Travelling, 70 Years of Animation at the NFB, Tradition of Innovation

 **8:30 pm** Bonlieu Grande salle: *The Prodiges* (feature film out of competition) with Antoine Charreyron (director), Viktor Antonov (creator of the visual concept), Humberto Ramos and Francisco Herrera (character designers)

10:15 pm Giant screen, the Pâquier: *Gnomeo and Juliet*

Wednesday 8th June

9h30 9:30 am Mifa opens

9:30 am-12:30 pm Chambre de métiers: conference Feature Films: 4 Case Studies, *Chico & Rita*, *Pinocchio*, *Soul Man* and *Zarafa*.

11:00 am-12:30 pm Bonlieu Petite salle: *Ernest & Célestine* (WIP) with Daniel Pennac

 **4:00 pm** Bonlieu Grande salle: *Chico & Rita* (feature film in competition)

 **6:00 pm** Bonlieu Petite salle: Studio Shorts (Pixar, Disney...)

4:30-6:00 pm Bonlieu Festival boutique: signing session with Nicolas Poupon and Bruno Solo, *Le Fond du bocal*

10:15 pm Giant screen, the Pâquier: *Rio* presented by Carlos Saldanha

Thursday 9th June

Noon Décavision 1: screening of the first 3D footage of *Un monstre à Paris* with Bibo Bergeron (director) and Philippe Kaempf (director of EuropaCorp Distribution)

2:00-4:00 pm Bonlieu Petite salle: Making of "Rango" with Hal Hickel, Head of Animation at Industrial Light & Magic (USA)

Friday 10th June

9:30-11:00 am Bonlieu Petite salle: *Space Pirate – Captain Harlock* (VIP)

11:00 am-12:30 pm Bonlieu Petite salle: *The Boy with the Cuckoo-Clock Heart* (VIP)

2:00-4:00 pm Bonlieu Petite salle: Making of "Rio" with director Carlos Saldanha (*Ice Age*)

6:00-8:00 pm Bonlieu Petite salle: Leiji Matsumoto, a Knight of Eternity master class


8:00 pm Mifa, La Plage: Annecy 2011 YouTube press conference and prize ceremony

10:15 pm Giant screen, the Pâquier: *How to Train Your Dragon*, CANAL+FAMILY evening

Saturday 11th June

3:00-5:00 pm Fnac: Meeting with Mathias Malzieu

4:00 pm Salle Pierre Lamy: Ciné-concert, 1st Cimfa animation music composition

 6:00 pm Décavision 3&4: *Osamu Tezuka's Buddha – The Great Departure* (feature film out of competition)

8:00 pm Bonlieu Grande salle: Closing award ceremony (by invitation)

10:15 pm Giant screen, the Pâquier: prizewinning films

And don't forget the press conferences with France Télévisions, the CANAL+ group, CANAL J etc. who will be presenting their youth programme for the coming months.

And not forgetting the exhibitions!

And from Tuesday to Saturday:

9:00-10:15 am Bonlieu Festival Bar

Don't forget the daily Shorts & Breakfast meetings with Serge Bromberg and directors of the short films in competition.

2:00-7:00 pm the Pâquier

Pay a visit to the Ankama village, where you'll find entertainment, signing sessions, sneak-previews and much more!

aamag: an online magazine available on graphics pads and Ipads or Iphones will be published during the Mifa. This bilingual mag will be treating news items concerning the image industry in and around Annecy and is available free on Apple Store.

Check it out!


For full programme details and up to the minute news: www.annecy.org

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Non-exhaustive list!

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