
FESTIVAL SELECTION ALERT

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A smorgasbord of Australian projects at Annecy 2009

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Regarded as one of the most prestigious animation festivals, the Annecy International Animation Film Festival has announced six Australian shorts in its line-up.

Selected to screen in the Shorts Competition in Official Selection is ***The Cat Piano***. Directed by **Eddie White** and **Ari Gibson** the film had its world premiere at the 2009 Adelaide Film Festival and features the voice of Australian icon Nick Cave. Also screening in competition is **Doug Bayne's *Tiny Legs of Fire***, looking at those little films on your hard drive that are there when you wake up sometimes.

The remaining four titles will screen in Out of Competition sections. ***The Ghastly Gourmet Cooking Show – Meat, Meat, Meat*** will screen in the TV Special program. Directed by **James Calvert** and **Eddie White**, this is the second title to be selected from The People's Republic of Animation for the 2009 festival and the fourth for both Calvert and White to be showcased over the years.

Dog with Electric Collar (d: **Steve Baker**) is screening in the Short Films Out of Competition and has already done well domestically, screening at the 2008 Sydney and Melbourne Film Festivals and winning the 2008 Australian Film Institute Award for Best Short Animation. Also screening out of competition is ***Apple of Iron*** (d/p: **Rachel Walls**) and ***News!*** – the latest offering from writer/director/producer **Darcy Prendergast** whose films have attracted the attention of festivals worldwide.

The entire Annecy selection will be complete when the festival announces its feature program at the end of April.

The Annecy International Animation Film Festival will run 8–13 June 2009
www.annecy.org

Film details:

Apple of Iron

(3 mins)

Director/Producer: Rachel Walls

Synopsis: A visual interpretation of the composition 'Apple of Iron' by Japanese/Australian noise act, Defektro Noise Army.

The Cat Piano

(8 mins 28 sec)

Production Company: The People's Republic of Animation

Directors: Eddie White, Ari Gibson

Writer: Eddie White

Producer: Jessica Brentnall

Featuring the voice of Nick Cave

Synopsis: A vibrant city of singing cats is preyed upon by a shadowy figure intent on performing a twisted musical masterpiece.

Dog with Electric Collar

(4 mins 40 sec)

Production Company: Head Pictures

Director: Steve Baker

Writer: Stephen Lance

Producer: Damon Escott

Co-producers: Stephen Lance, Leanne Tonkes

Synopsis: A dog, an electric collar and plenty to bark at. Sparks will fly!

The Ghastly Gourmet Cooking Show – Meat, Meat, Meat

(3 mins)

Production Company: The People's Republic of Animation

Director: James Calvert, Eddie White

Writer: Eddie White

Producer: Sam White

Featuring the voice of John Waters

Synopsis: The three ghastly gourmets, Chip, Chop and Chunk, cook up a feast of prehistoric proportions.

News!

(5 mins)

Production Company: Dee Pee Studios

Writer/Director/Producer: Darcy Prendergast

Featuring the voices of Marc Gallagher, Laura Biggs and Darcy Prendergast

Synopsis: If you like pet worms, burning cars or cowbells, then you are going to love this...

Tiny Legs of Fire

(1 mins 30 sec)

Director/Writer/Producer: Doug Bayne

Featuring the voice of Ben Baker

Synopsis: Sometimes when you wake up there are little films on your hard drive.