

# Anima awards 2023

The Brussels Animation Film Festival - 17.02 > 26.02.2023 - 42nd edition

## International Competition - Jury Awards

Award for best animated feature



### SAULES AVEUGLES, FEMME ENDORMIE

Pierre Földes, FR / LU / NL / CA

#### Motivations of the jury:

*A unique film that poses questions and leaves gaps for us to reflect about what gives meaning to life and when it disappears. The film sheds light on how our lives are both mundane and singular, through existential crisis, and where overwhelming loneliness is revealed following a tragic event.*

*The film is visually stunning, both its backgrounds and character design, and we feel it never brags. The poetic and supernatural elements in the story causes a fluidity and ambiguity between the inner and outer world. This makes us want to come back to the film again. Simply beautiful.*

Award for best animated feature for children



### KNOR

Mascha Halberstad, BE / NL

#### Motivations of the jury:

*By building a consistent world made with beautiful designs and very relevant poop jokes, this smart and blunt comedy succeeds in entertaining kids, adults and animals alike!*

Grand prix Anima 2023 for best international short film provided by the Brussels-Capital Region (2.500 €)



### LETTER TO A PIG

Tal Kantor, FR / IL

#### Motivations of the jury:

*For its universal reach and its compassionate message as well as for its original artistic direction, we award the Grand Prix for best international short film to Letter To a Pig by Tal Kantor.*

Special Jury award category "short films"



### IT'S NICE IN HERE

Robert-Jonathan Koeyers, NL

#### Motivations of the jury:

*We award the Special Jury Award to It's Nice in Here by Robert-Jonathan Koeyers for its nuanced approach.*

Award for best student short film



### FEUX

Mohammad Babakoohi, FR

#### Motivations of the jury:

*Because of its allegorical power, we award the Award for Best Student Film to Mohammad Babakoohi's Feux.*

Best vr short film award



### MARCO & POLO GO ROUND

Benjamin Steiger-Levine, BE

Award for best short film for children



**DRÔLES D'OISEAUX**

Charlie Belin, FR

**Motivations of the jury:**

*The delicacy of the story and the attention to details make this film a unique experience of a child's life in today's world, complete with intelligent dialog and very sophisticated animation.*

Special Jury mention for best short film for children



**LA REINE DES RENARDS**

Marina Rosset, FR

**Motivations of the jury:**

*A film that looks rough but at the same time is very delicate, and showcases in a humorous and poetic way how we are all looking for affection and connection.*

**International Competition - Audience Awards**

Audience award for best animated feature



**INTERDIT AUX CHIENS ET AUX ITALIENS**

Alain Ughetto, FR / IT / CH

Audience award for best animated feature for children



**KNOR**

Mascha Halberstad, BE / NL

Audience award for best short film



**ICE MERCHANTS**

João Gonzalez, PT / FR / GB

Audience award for best short film for children



**DRÔLES D'OISEAUX**

Charlie Belin, FR

Animation night Audience award



**LA QUÊTE DE L'HUMAIN**

Mélina Ienco, Lucie Juric, Caroline Leibel, Faustine Merle et Claire Pellet, FR

Audience award for best vr short film



**SWARM**

Maarten Isaäk de Heer, DE



BE tv award for best animated feature  
of the official selection  
(Acquisition of broadcasting rights)



**NAYOLA**

José Miguel Ribeiro, PT / FR / BE / NL

**Motivations of the jury:**

*BeTV awards its Best Feature Film Award to Nayola, by José Miguel Ribeiro, for its sensual and musical way of mixing small and big History and making us love complex characters whose existence is, at first sight, far from our own. The animation brings together many emotion and we will be delighted to offer the film Nayola to our subscribers.*

BRUZZ Ket award for best short film for  
children



**CANARY**

Pierre-Hugues Dallaire, Benoît Therriault, CA / FR

**Motivations of the jury:**

*There were no words but very appropriate music. We also enjoyed the beautifully detailed images. The story was very exciting and so emotional that it almost brought tears to our eyes. We wanted to give this movie an award because it was a very original and sad story. The 3D images were also very beautiful and the scenery felt super realistic.*

Press award for best short film (UPCB  
and UCC)



**SCALE**

Joseph Pierce, GB / FR / BE / CZ

**Motivations of the jury:**

*In Scale, all the elements come together perfectly.. The animation is both expressive and fluid, expressing movements and emotions with remarkable precision. Rarely have inner feelings of fear, doubt, frustration and anger been so aptly portrayed as in this film: the subtle use of lighting effects, sound effects and perfectly balanced mood music complete the picture. Moreover, the visual strength of the film is perfectly supported by the story and plot that employs sardonic, dry humor.*

## National Competition - Jury Awards

Award for best Belgian short film,  
provided by Sabam for Culture (2.500€)



### CE QUI BOUGE EST VIVANT

Noémie Marsily, BE

**Motivations of the jury:**

*We would like to reward the director for all the poetry and emotion that emanates from her film. We were touched by the sincerity of her story and by her free and personal graphic line.*

Authors award

(2.500 € offered by SACD)



### SIBERIADE

Nado Poton, BE

**Motivations of the jury:**

*Siberiade powerfully chronicles the author's difficult journey from his native Siberia. The bright red graphic elements refer to Soviet-era propaganda posters and add to the pertinence of the story that resonates like a cry.*

Grand Prix for best short film of the  
Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles  
(2.500 € provided by Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles)



### PINA

Jérémy Depuydt, Giuseppe Accardo, BE

**Motivations of the jury:**

*This story literally took us to Sicily with its clean line, its generous colors and its fluid and rhythmic narrative.*

Award for best student short film  
provided by Amplo (1.000 €)



### PASSAGERS

Célia Hardy, BE

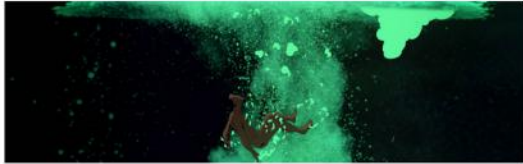
**Motivations of the jury:**

*We loved the director's approach of returning, in the form of a pilgrimage, to the places where her artistic roots developed, revisiting every technique she learned during her studies. Congratulations for all this creativity!*

## National Competition - Partners Awards

### BeTV award

(Acquisition of broadcasting rights)



#### **DRIFTER**

Joost Jansen, BE / NL

**Motivations of the jury:**

*A beautifully cosmic, poetic and metaphysical journey through the eyes of an errant astronaut. A haunting and fascinating graphic design that is both austere and grandiose.*

### Cinergie award



#### **LES MARRONS GLACÉS**

Delphine Hermans, Michel Vandam, BE

**Motivations of the jury:**

*Cinergie has chosen to give its award to Les Marrons glacés by Delphine Hermans and Michel Vandam, for the finesse of its drawing style, for its feminist and progressive discourse, for its advocacy of solidarity among women and for the soft and tender image it gives of older people.*

### RTBF-La Trois award

(Acquisition of broadcasting rights)



#### **PINA**

Jérémy Depuydt, Giuseppe Accardo, BE