





ANIMATION

Films Received 03

Nominated Films 01

Awarded to the animation film produced with traditional animation techniques, computer generated images (CGI) or other production methods highlighting concerns on environment and wildlife or promoting conservation efforts.

“Cankered and Cursed”

Nonverbal | 2010 | 00:04:34 | 2 D ANIMATION



SYNOPSIS

The story depicts a sisterhood of evil witches that must avoid getting possessed by nature’s blessing that surrounds them, before it is too late. An animal, from the world of nature, enters their home, and though they battle to control it, the goodness of nature has entered the household and promises to change things.

DIRECTOR (S): Todd Dejong
 MUSIC COMPOSER (S): Bret Eagleston
 ANIMATION: Todd Dejong, Karina Gazizova, Haley Eddy, Liz Skaggs, Dan Weeks and Eric Heaton

Biography

Todd Dejong has dedicated “Cankered and Cursed” to the animated short film community because their films are the most inspiring to him with their amazing innovativeness and novelty.

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Sharfik

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SYNOPSIS

“Sharfik” is the story of one family. There’s nothing too special about this family except they happened to live during the World War II. The most unbearable siege sucks the last drop of life out of the once-warm family. The film seeks to remind the world that there were times with much greater problems.

DIRECTOR (S): Karina Gazizova
 SCRIPT WRITER (S): Karina Gazizova
 MUSIC COMPOSER (S): Igor Stetsyuk
 SOUND RECORDIST (S): Animation Studio Petersburg and Igor Yakovel
 ANIMATION: Karina Gazizova, Liz Skaggs, Dmitry Volobuev and Todd Dejong

Biography

“Sharfik” was screened at International Festival of Animated Films, Stuttgart, Germany when Karina Gazizova was just thirteen. Gazizova’s 12 animated films have won various awards and been accepted in several national and international festivals.

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Tetsuo Hirakawa

Biography

Animator Tetsuo Hirakawa is a former member of the Tokyo Animation Studio, Madhouse. He made his directorial debut with “Kawa No Hikari” (Light of the River). He has previously done key animation and in-between animation for productions including “The Animatrix”, “Atashin’chi”, “The Place Promised in Our Early Days”, “Crayon Shin-Chan: Sanpun Pokkiri Daishingeki”, “One Piece: Omatsuri Danshaku To Himitsu No Shima”, “Crayon Shin-chan: Densetsu Wo Yobu Odore! Amigo!”, “The Girl Who Leapt Through Time”, “Summer Days with Coo”, “Nodame Cantabile” and “Detroit Metal City”.

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Light of the River
Japanese with English Subtitles | 2009 |
01:25:00 | HD

Nominated

SYNOPSIS

A young black rat, Tarta, his baby brother, Chichi, and their dad set out on a long journey in search of a safe place to live. Their home on a riverbank and their peaceful world had suddenly been destroyed by a construction project. On the way, they are chased by mean sewer rats and have to run for their lives. Every time they are in trouble or danger, charming animals help them out. “Light of the River” is a moving tale that depicts the splendour of untouched nature, family bonds, and the warmth of heart, which are things we humans have left behind and forgotten.

DIRECTOR (S): Tetsuo Hirakawa

PRODUCTION COMPANY: NHK Enterprises Inc

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER (S): Atsuko Kashiwagi and Atsuya Hirooka and Masayuki Anzai

CAMERAPERSON (S): Hiroaki Edamitsu

SCRIPT WRITER (S): Hisaki Matsuura

MUSIC COMPOSER (S): Masaki Kurihara

SOUND RECORDIST (S): Kazuya Tanaka

GRAPHICS: Tsukasa Tannai and Nizo Yamamoto

ANIMATION: Hiroyuki Kaine, Tomohiro Matsumaru, Yoshimi Nakamura, Ayako Inoguchi, Yuuki Ujiro, Akiko Nakata, Yuri Kuwabara, Keiko Odasaki, Aki Eguchi and Tomoko Kodama

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