



A Fresh International Film Festival Debuts in Turku, Finland, This August

Turku Animated Film Festival is a fresh international film festival celebrating creativity and the art of animation. TAFF takes place for the first time in Turku from 25th to 28th of August, 2016.

“Turku is the hometown of Finnish animation. TUAS Art Academy is based in Turku, and animation studies at the academy has been chosen as best in the world twice. Hence it is necessary that there will be an international animation film festival in Turku once more,” says TAFF’s festival director Kimmo Sillanmikko.

The International Competition will be bursting with original, bold, uncompromising and inventive animated shorts under 30 minutes in length. In addition, the festival programme consists of an alluring selection of carefully selected special screenings, workshops, talks and exhibitions plus parties, naturally.

“We want to offer our audiences an experience that can’t be found elsewhere. In addition to the intriguing films that differ from mainstream we will indulge visitors with surprising screening concepts and international festival atmosphere, and nurture the body as well as the soul,” envisages Sillanmikko.

TAFF seeks to promote animated film culture both in Finland and internationally. Their aim is to become the most prestigious animated film festival in Finland and to create a platform for encounters between filmmakers, industry delegates and local lovers of animation.

TAFF takes place in a beautiful milieu, inside a restored old factory Manilla by the River Aura. The festival is organised by a nonprofit association Turun elokuvatapahtumat ry, and the creative director of the festival is a multi-award winning animation director Joni Männistö.

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