

SPARK CG SOCIETY PRESENTS...



SPARK ANIMATION ANNOUNCES AWARD WINNERS

ANIMATED SHORT GARDEN PARTY WINS BEST IN SHOW

Spark CG Society is pleased to announce that **Garden Party** (France), directed by **Florian Babikian, Vincent Bayoux, Victor Caire, Théophile Dufresne, Gabriel Grapperon, and Lucas Navarro**, has won the **Best in Show Award**, at **SPARK ANIMATION 2017**. The film will be screening alongside other award winners on the opening night of the festival on October 26, for the Spark Animation Celebration at the Cineplex Scotiabank Theatre in Vancouver, BC.

This year's heated competition led to a number prizes awarded including: French artist Lucrèce Andrae's **Grandpa Walrus**, whose charming tale of family dealing with loss was awarded **Best 2D Animation**; Max Porter and Ru Kuwahata's **Negative Space** won **Best Stop Motion Animation**; and Jakob Schuh and Jan Lachauer's hilarious **Revolting Rhymes** won **Best 3D Animation**.

This year's **Best Cinematic** prize was awarded to the **The Evil Within 2 – Official E3 Announce Trailer**, while a new take on **Elton John's "Rocket Man"** directed by Majid Adin and Stephen McNally was awarded the prize for **Best Music Video**.

Special prizes include: Jumi Yoon and Eloic Gimenez's **Bene's Horizon** winning the **Biodiversity Award** for its important message of conservation; Gilles Cuvelier's stunning black & white **(Fool Time) JOB** winning the **Jury Prize**; while Canadian artist Trevor Jimenez's **Weekends** winning the **Director's Prize**.

SPARK CG Society and Women in Animation are also pleased to announce Walt Disney Animation Studios (WDAS), filmmakers Nora Twomey (**The Breadwinner**), and Academy Award®-winning director John Kahrs (*Paperman*) for his short film, **June: Life Is**

Better When You Share The Ride as the recipients of the inaugural WIA Diversity Awards.

SPARK CG Society is also pleased to announce that Glen Keane, a 30+ year veteran of the animation industry and a long-time artist at Walt Disney Animation Studio, is being awarded the Spark Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution to the field of animation.

AWARD RESULTS

BEST IN SHOW

Garden Party	Florian Babikian, Vincent Bayoux, Victor Caire, Théophile Dufresne, Gabriel Grapperon, Lucas Navarro	France
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JURY PRIZE

(Fool Time) JOB	Gilles Cuvelier	France
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DIRECTOR'S PRIZE

Weekends	Trevor Jimenez	USA
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BIODIVERSITY AWARD

Bene's Horizon	Jumi Yoon, Eloic Gimenez	France
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WINNER, BEST 2D ANIMATION

Grandpa Walrus	Lucrece Andreae	France
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WINNER, BEST 3D ANIMATION

Revolting Rhymes	Jakob Schuh, Jan Lachauer	UK
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WINNER, BEST STOP MOTION

Negative Space Max Porter, Ru Kuwahata France

WINNER, BEST STUDENT ANIMATION

Garden Party Florian Babikian, Vincent Bayoux, Victor Caire, Théophile Dufresne, Gabriel Grapperon, Lucas Navarro France

RUNNER UP, BEST STUDENT ANIMATION

Burn Out Cécile Carre France

WINNER, BEST MUSIC VIDEO ANIMATION

Elton John "Rocket Man" Majid Adin, Stephen McNally UK

RUNNER UP, BEST MUSIC VIDEO ANIMATION

Bedtimes "Woodswimmer" Brett Foxwell UK

WINNER, BEST CINEMATIC

The Evil Within 2 – Official E3 Announce Trailer Team Petrol; Plastic Wax; Bethesda Softworks Marketing Team; Tango Gameworks USA & Australia

RUNNER UP, BEST CINEMATIC

Final Fantasy XV: Omen Trailer István Zorkóczy Hungary

WINNER, BEST VFX

Obolus	Marvin Sprengel, Steffen Oberle	Germany
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RUNNER UP, BEST VFX

Milky Shot	Roy Kafri	Israel
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WINNER, BEST COMMERCIAL, PSA & SELF-PROMOTION

Lyft "June"	John Kahrs	USA
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RUNNER UP, BEST COMMERCIAL, PSA & SELF-PROMOTION

Blender Animation Studio "Agent 327: Operation Barbershop"	Hjalti Hjalmarrsson, Colin Levy	Netherlands
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From October 26 - 29, 2017 **SPARK ANIMATION** will celebrate the best in animation from around the world with a Conference, Business Symposium, Film Festival and Career Fair. This year's festival features: the Western Canadian premiere of **The Breadwinner** with Academy Award®-nominated director Nora Twomey in attendance; as well as the Western Canadian Premiere of **Mutafukaz**, the French/Japanese co-production based on Ankama's best-selling comic book series. In addition, the festival features the Canadian premieres of: Glen Keane's latest short film **Dear Basketball**; **Big Fish & Begonia**, the Chinese feature film 10-years in the making; as well as **Mary and the Witch's Flower**, the latest project from Academy Award®-nominated director Hiromasa Yonebayashi (*When Marnie Was There*).

The Conference features presentations by 30+ year Disney Animation Studios artist Glen Keane, Blizzard Entertainment on their immensely successful **Overwatch** shorts, and *Book of Life* director Jorge R. Gutiérrez will talk about his latest project: the Google Spotlight Story **Son of Jaguar**. Info: www.sparkfx.ca

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