

SPARK CG SOCIETY PRESENTS...



**MELNITSA ANIMATION STUDIO'S
WE CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT COSMOS WINS
BEST ANIMATED SHORT AWARD**

Vancouver Short *FEARS* Wins Best Student Film

**Legendary animation Director Marv Newland Receives Inaugural
SPARK CG Lifetime Achievement Award**

SPARK CG Society announced that **We Can't Live Without Cosmos** (Russia), directed by **Konstantin Bronzit** has won **Best Animated Short Award**, at the **SPARK ANIMATION** Conference, Film Festival and Job Fair. The award was announced at the opening night of the festival on October 21 during the Spark Animation Celebration at the Vancity Theatre in Vancouver, BC.

We Can't Live Without Cosmos, produced by one of the largest animation studios in Russia **Melnitsa Animation Studio**, tells the heartwarming story of life long friends training for a trip to the stars and explores the sacrifices with pursuing one's dreams and the heartbreak of loss.

A Canadian short, **Fears**, directed by Nata Metlukh of Vancouver Film School, was awarded best student film. Other local student filmmakers receiving Special Mentions were Marilyn Haddad for **Like There Is No Tomorrow** and Nick Salmon for his short **ORBIT**.

Winner of best Cinematic this year was awarded to **The Witcher 3 - Wild Hunt Cinematic Trailer**, directed by István Zorkóczy of Hungary. **Stromae "Carmen"** directed by Sylvain Chomet took home the prize for Animated Music Video while **Team Generous 2015 Børnefonden**, directed by Tobias Gundorff Boesen, won best Animated PSA/Commercial.

SPARK CG awarded its inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award to legendary animator Marv Newland for his lifelong contribution to animation both as a creative force and as a mentor for emerging talent.

AWARD RESULTS

WINNER, BEST ANIMATED SHORT

We Can't Live Without Cosmos	Konstantin Bronzit	Russia
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BEST STUDENT SHORT

Fears	Nata Metlukh	Canada
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BEST STUDENT GROUP SHORT

Shudô	To-Anh Bach, Charles Badiller, Hugo Weiss	France
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BEST STUDENT STOP MOTION

The Walker	Heather Collins	USA
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BEST CINEMATIC

The Witcher 3 - Wild Hunt Cinematic Trailer	István Zorkóczy	Hungary
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BEST ANIMATED MUSIC VIDEO

Stromae "Carmen"	Sylvain Chomet	UK, Belgium
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BEST ANIMATED PSA/COMMERCIAL

Team Generous 2015 Børnefonden	Tobias Gundorff Boesen	Denmark
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RUNNER UP, ANIMATED SHORT

Beach Flags	Sarah Saidan	France
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RUNNER UP, STUDENT SHORT

Steadfast Stanley	John Kim	Canada, USA
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RUNNER UP, CINEMATIC

Mass Effect Andromeda - Official E3 2015 Trailer	BioWare Studio and EA Marketing	Canada
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RUNNER UP, MUSIC VIDEO

The Prodigy "Wild Frontier"	Mascha Halberstad	Netherlands
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SPECIAL MENTIONS

BRNS "Many Chances"	Nicolas Fong	Music Video	Belgium
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Geist	Ben Harper, Sean Mullen, Alex Sherwood	Cinematography	Ireland
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Tik Tak	Ülo Pikkov	Stop Motion	Estonia
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The Meek	Joe Brumm	Most Inventive	Australia
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Dissonance	Till Nowak	Singular Vision	Germany
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SPECIAL MENTIONS, STUDENT ANIMATED SHORT

The Casebook of Nips & Porkington	Melody Wang	Animated Student Short	Canada
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Vintovka	Quentin Reubrecht	Art Direction	France
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Orbit	Nick Salmon	Art Direction	Canada
Girls and Guys From Treetops and Skies (Celles et Ceux des Cimes et Cieux)	Gwenn Germain	Best Trailer for a Movie We Want to See	France
Natural Attraction	Marc Zimmermann	Best VFX	Germany
Like There Is No Tomorrow	Marilyn Haddad	Independent Vision	Canada
Sea Child	Min-ha Kim	Independent Vision	UK

SPARK ANIMATION is a celebration of Animation from around the world. The Conference, Film Festival and Job Fair features the Western Canadian premiere of **April and the Extraordinary World** which won the Cristal Award for Best Feature Animation at Annecy, as well as the Western Canadian Premiere of Mamoru Hosoda's **The Boy and the Beast**. The Conference will feature presentations by Sanjay Patel and his upcoming Pixar Animation short **Sanjay's Super Team** and legendary Walt Disney Animation character designer Jin Kim. Info: www.sparkfx.ca

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