



TUNA TARTARE



A TRASHY KARAOKE MUSICAL BY LENA GREENE

★ *Be yourself but hotter* ★

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PRODUCTION END YEAR:

2025

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:

USA

RUN TIME:

10 min. 33 sec.

LANGUAGE:

English

TECHNIQUES:

Hand drawn
& watercolor

GENRE:

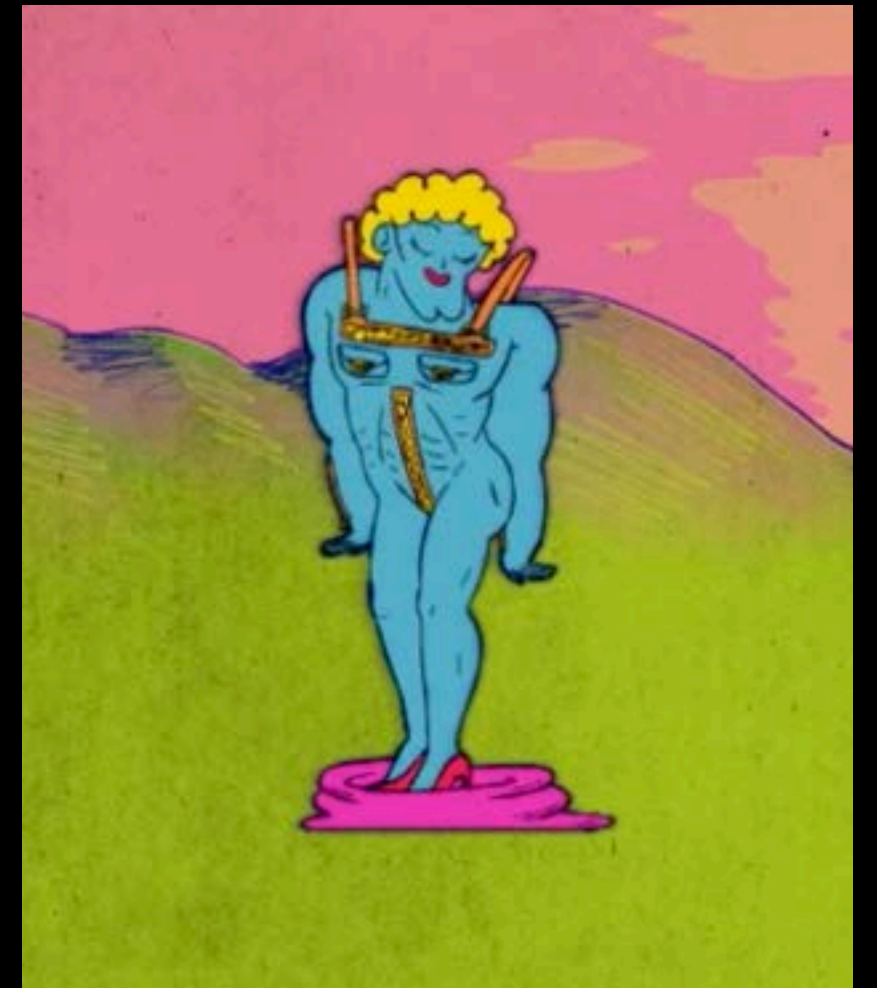
Comedy



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ABOUT

LOG LINE: In a karaoke bar in post-apocalyptic Los Angeles, an expired can of tuna fish and a fake Louis Vuitton purse encourage each other to believe in their artistic voices even if the world sees them as trash.



[WATCH THE TRAILER HERE](#)

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SYNOPSIS: Los Angeles, 3036 A.D. Humans are on the verge of extinction and the world is now run by... trash. **Tuna Tartare** is a bombastic can of tuna fish who runs **Throats Karaoke Bar** with her BFF **Susan**, a fake Louis Vuitton purse with crippling anxiety. Upon hearing of the death of the last surviving human, Tuna is reminded of an old brush with fame that ended in embarrassment, sending her on an internal journey to battle her own insecurities and build herself back up again to do what she does best: karaoke.



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DIRECTED BY LENA GREENE | WRITTEN BY LENA GREENE & ALESSANDRA CLARK | ANIMATED BY LENA GREENE & EMILY ZULLO | SOUND DESIGN BY RYAN WOODHALL | PRODUCED BY LENA GREENE & ABIGAIL LOWENTHAL | STARRING LESLI MARGHERITA, LENA GREENE, RYAN BUSH, RUBY MCCOLLISTER, JOE CASTLE BAKER, ROYA HAROUN, THOMAS LAPRADE, MAX PREDIGER & ERIC FARRER | MUSIC BY ALEX PARRISH, GOBBY & HENRY KAYE | SONGS PERFORMED BY LESLI MARGHERITA | NEWS GRAPHICS DESIGNED BY ARJUN RAM SRIVASTA | ADDITIONAL ANIMATION BY CAM MACCONNELL, CARLOS PEREZ & JAMES DYBBIG | COLORED BY MIKE PICONE & LENA GREENE | WATERCOLOR MIXOLOGIST RAPHAEL MARTINEZ COHEN | WATERCOLOR ARTISTS YOUNG GUN LEE, ROYA HAROUN, ANNE ZHAO, MONICA WELTYK, THOMAS LAPRADE, RAPHAEL MARTINEZ COHEN, LENA GREENE, MARINA LAPRADE, RAJANI LAPRADE, BOB LAPRADE | COMPOSITED BY LENA GREENE & ANNE ZHAO



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DIRECTOR STATEMENT

Tuna Tartare is a trashy karaoke musical about an expired can of fish with a song in her heart. Tuna had dreams of being a star, and when those dreams were unrealized, she created her own karaoke bar and sang to whoever would listen. As well as encouraging those around her to also pick up the mic.

In a world where so many of us are trying to “make it,” I am interested in those of us whose lives didn’t turn out as planned. I’m drawn to characters who have an undying commitment to being exactly who they are, regardless of whether or not the world is willing to accept them. This may be in part inspired by my upbringing. I was raised in Los Angeles by a resilient family of six gay parents (and all of their gay friends). From an early age, I was surrounded by people who refused to let the world tell them how to live their lives (and by a gaggle of powerful lesbians who are more often singing than not.)

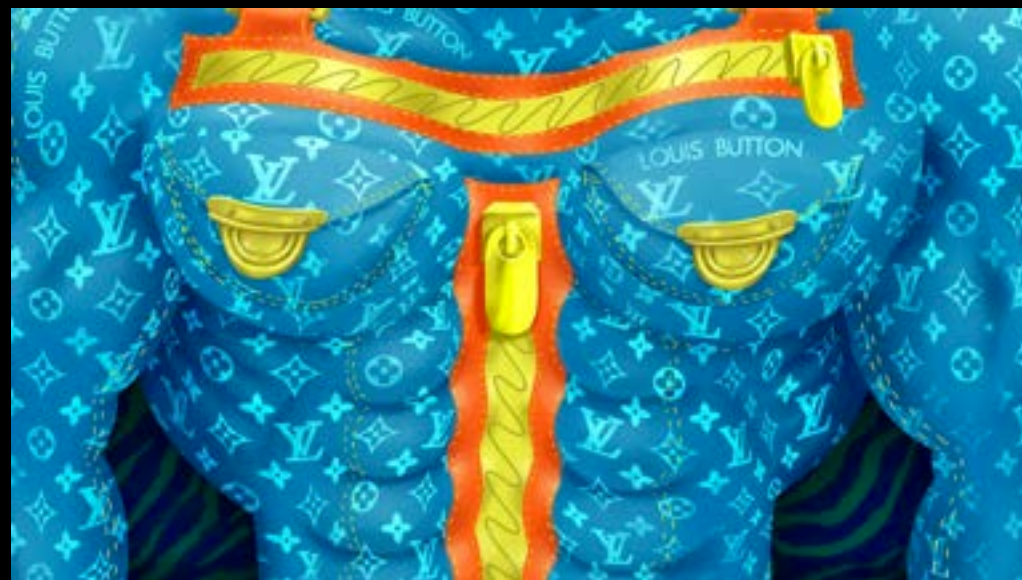
This is a film about creating. Creating art. Creating trash. Creating a sense of self. And while I wish to celebrate the human desire to make things, I also want to acknowledge that we can (and have) made too much. We can over-prioritize individualism, self-expression, and consumerism at the expense of the health of our planet.

Tuna Tartare is loud, bombastic, campy and absurd. A film about what it means to be an artist. What it takes to fight your own insecurities. And how friendship so often saves the day.

Or maybe it’s just an ode to karaoke.

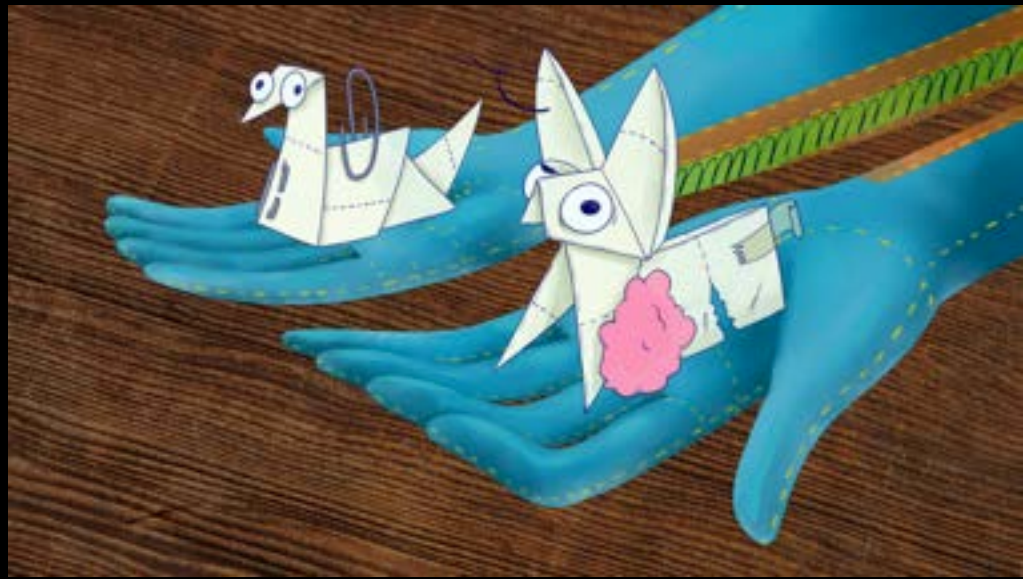
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DIRECTOR BIOGRAPHY

Lena Greene is a director, animator, illustrator, writer and producer based in NYC and raised in Los Angeles.

She has directed animations for Lauren Greenfield, Lana Del Rey, Celeste, Gohar World, Comedy Central's Saturday Morning(ish) Cartoons, and Blumhouse's Crypt TV. Lena was a storyboard artist on seasons 1 and 2 of Adult Swim & HBO's *Teenage Euthanasia*, season 2 of PBS & Augenblick Studio's *City Island*, and a character designer on season 3 of Adult Swim & HBO's *Smiling Friends*. She has made animations for clients such as Michel Gondry, Vice, Droga5, Edelman, Gucci, Knoll, Tory Burch and collaborated on four large-scale 3D zoetropes with Camille Henrot. Lena was an adjunct animation professor at Queens College, and is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design where she received a BFA in film, animation and video.

Lena hosts a recurring karaoke talent show on [Montez Press Radio](#), which has been highlighted in [Document Journal](#), [The New York Times](#), [Frieze](#), Dazed, Cultured Mag, and the [LA Review of Books](#).



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SELECTED PRESS (ON KARAOKE AND TUNA TARATRE)

DOCUMENT

Vivien: Karaoke has obviously informed your work on *Tuna Tartare*, and a big part of your life. What makes this the medium that other people should care about?

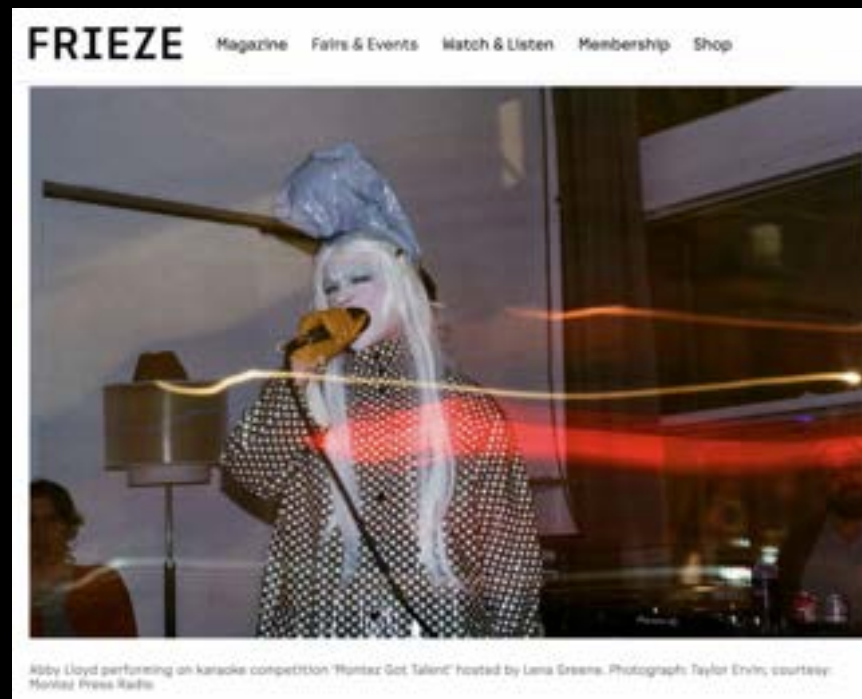
Lena: Everyone has had a song in their heart, a song that's been stuck in their head for hours, or a song they just need to get off of their chest. In a world so obsessed with 'making it' and 'being successful,' sometimes you just need to take a breath and let that song out. It's cathartic.

Singing isn't just for pop stars and cool kids, it's for everyone. Maybe not everyone can sing, but everyone can feel. Sing and you'll feel better.

I believe amateurism is integral to art. I love that the etymology of 'amateur' is from the latin 'amator' which simply means a "lover." It just means you love a thing. That's all that's required to be an artist.



DOCUMENT JOURNAL



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FILM CARNAGE REVIEW



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THE ANIMATOR'S FRIEND



LOS ANGELES BAR: SECOND POUR, EARTH, Los Angeles, February 27-March 30, 2024.

The tuna references *Tuna Tartare*, Lena Greene's self-described "trashy karaoke musical about an expired can of tuna fish who runs a karaoke bar in a post-apocalyptic Los Angeles." Indeed, the entire affair attempts to actualize the absurdist fictional THROATS Karaoke Bar that Greene's show envisions. (I saw several THROATS Karaoke hats on attendees, branded content for an imaginary business.) During the last night of the bar's operation, Greene herself—wearing a slinky baby blue dress with matching eye shadow and electric blue fishnets—led the crowd in lo-fi karaoke with all the skill and zeal of a teenager who had just discovered musical theater.

LA REVIEW OF BOOKS

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Watched by **nat :)** 19 Apr 2026

this shit fucks HARD



Watched by **eliana** 17 Apr 2026

the last can of tuna on earth is hot AND she can sing?! gahdamn!



Watched by **Pau Vallès** 22 Feb 2026

be yourself but hotter és tremenda tesi 10/10 visca l'animac!!!



Watched by **grace** 15 Apr 2026 2

“Mitten Man Inside My Can” on spotify when



Watched by **Jared** 19 Apr 2026

be yourself but hotter🔥🍷👛



Watched by **River Roest** 20 Mar 2026

An absolute blast! I'm glad I got to see this cunt trash twice in one weekend



Watched by **egbrylow** 19 Apr 2026

So Jared and I are being them for Halloween🍷👛



Watched by **El Gasgas** 29 Sep 2025

Gay. Très gay



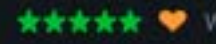
Watched by **johnklein8** 14 Apr 2026

This is a very realistic vision about the future without humans.



Watched by **Van** 21 Feb 2026

Had to cover my mouth to not laugh out loud in the middle of the theatre



Watched by **Nico** 17 Apr 2026

incredible art direction and gorgeous animation! super funny and inspires me to keep making art (both because of the story and because of how well-executed this is)



Watched by **Keith Kavanagh** 28 Feb 2026

in honour of how much I loved this film, I have prepared a little ditty of my own:

*saw this at dublin international film festival,
it kicked me in my slightly larger testicle,
and best of all,
it featured a sunfly referential*



Watched by **royalbinch** 11 Oct 2025

be yourself... but hotter!!!!💕

this one's for the TRUE karaoke heads - confidence is contagious y'all!!!!

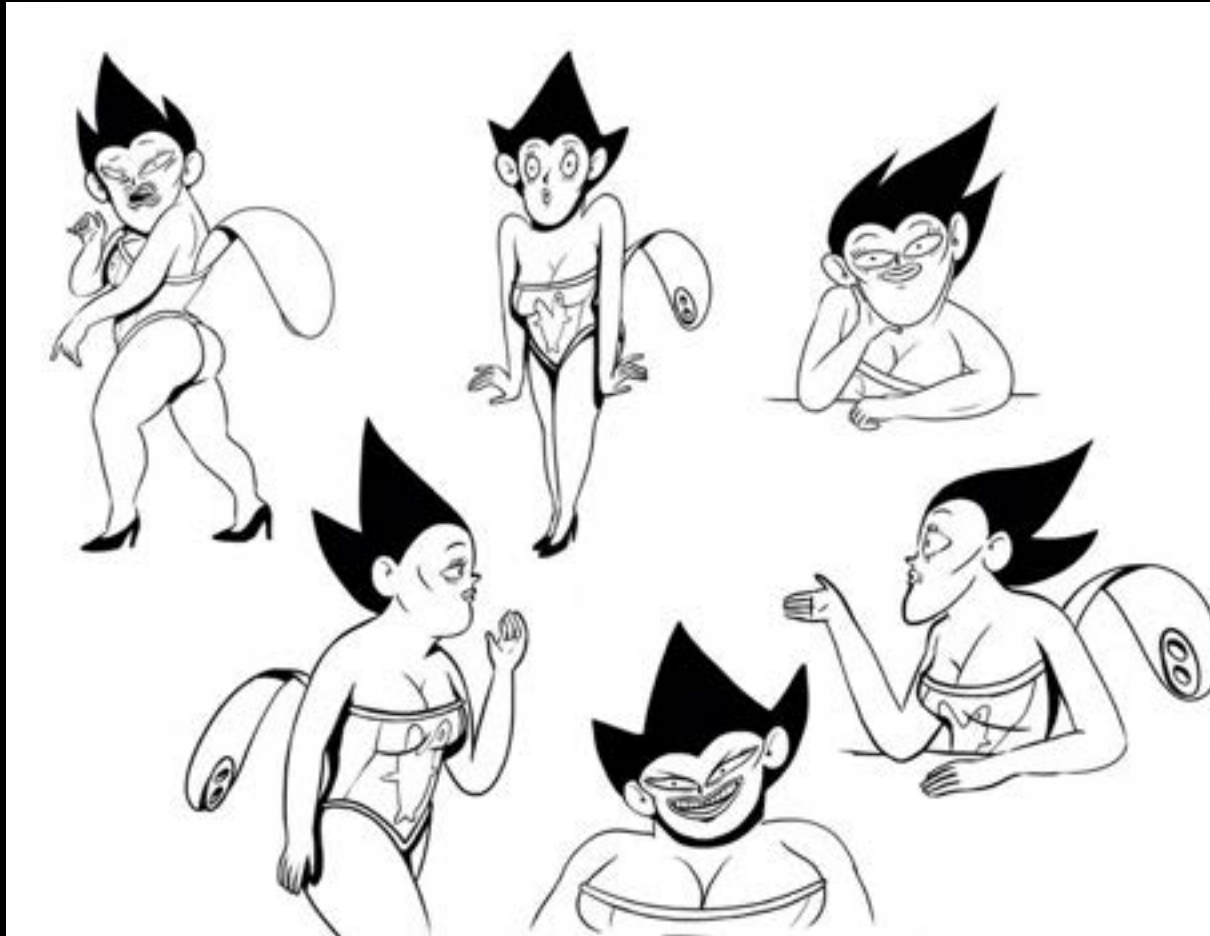


Watched by **ryanmccow** 17 Apr 2026

tuna will have you dancing in the aisles!! from the twisted mind of lena greene

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BEHIND THE SCENES - SKETCHES AND ACTORS



Ryan Bush recording Susan
in Lena's bedroom with a martini



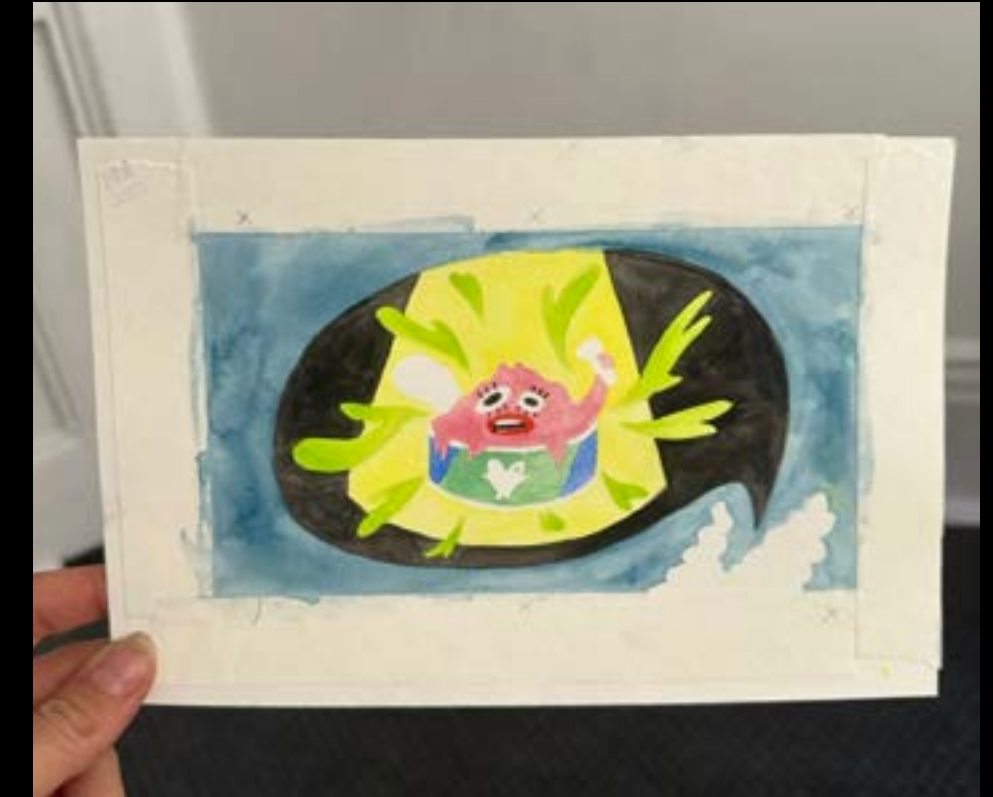
Lena recording Tuna with her dog, Sugar



Ruby McCollister and Joe Castle Baker
recording Irma Wasser and Van Vattan (the
news anchors) at Montez Press Radio

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BEHIND THE SCENES - WATERCOLOR SCENE



100 watercolor paintings were made for this scene!



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CHARACTER DESIGNS



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OFFICIAL SELECTIONS (AS OF APRIL 2026)

SELECTED FESTIVALS

HOLLYSHORTS 2025, LOS ANGELES, CA – **WORLD PREMIERE**

FILMFEST DRESDEN 2026, DRESDEN, GERMANY

FLORIDA FILM FESTIVAL 2026, ORLANDO, FL

UPPSALA SHORT FILM FESTIVAL 2025, UPPSALA, SWEDEN

KABOOM ANIMATION FESTIVAL 2026, AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

ANIMEST INTERNATIONAL ANIMATION FILM FESTIVAL 2025, BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

ANIMAC 2026, LLEIDA, CATALONIA, SPAIN

VIENNA SHORTS 2026, VIENNA, AUSTRIA

TRICKY WOMEN 2026, VIENNA, AUSTRIA

DIFF – DUBLIN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2026, DUBLIN, IRELAND

AWARDS

SANTA CRUZ FILM FESTIVAL 2025, SANTA CRUZ, CA – **WINNER, BEST ANIMATED SHORT**

LOS ANGELES ANIMATION FILM FESTIVAL 2025, LOS ANGELES, CA – **WINNER, BRONZE COMEDY SHORT**

FILMCHILLA 2025, CALIFORNIA, USA – **WINNER, BEST SHORT FILM, “GOLDEN POCKET PISTOL”**

ADDITIONAL FESTIVALS

ANIFILM – INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ANIMATED FILMS 2026, LIBEREC, CZECH REPUBLIC

FREDRIKSTAD ANIMATION FESTIVAL 2025, FREDRIKSTAD, NORWAY

FEST ANČA – INTERNATIONAL ANIMATION FESTIVAL 2026, ŽILINA, SLOVAKIA

THE DOWNTOWN FESTIVAL 2025, NEW YORK, NY

BROOKLYN FILM FESTIVAL 2026, NEW YORK, NY

BLACK MOVIE – FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DE FILMS INDÉPENDANTS 2026, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

FESTIVAL EUROPÉEN DU FILM FANTASTIQUE DE STRASBOURG 2025, STRASBOURG, FRANCE

FESTIVAL SÉQUENCE COURT-MÉTRAGE 2025, TOULOUSE, FRANCE

MECAL – FESTIVAL INTERNACIONAL DE CORTOMETRAJES Y ANIMACIÓN DE BARCELONA 2026, BARCELONA, SPAIN

WOODSTOCK FILM FESTIVAL 2025, WOODSTOCK, NY

MILWAUKEE FILM FESTIVAL 2026, MILWAUKEE, WI

ARIZONA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2026, TUCSON, AZ

FCVQ – FESTIVAL DE CINÉMA DE LA VILLE DE QUÉBEC 2025, QUÉBEC CITY, CANADA

FANTASPOA – FESTIVAL INTERNACIONAL DE CINEMA FANTÁSTICO DE PORTO ALEGRE 2026, PORTO ALEGRE, BRAZIL

PLUM! FESTIVAL INTERNACIONAL DE CINE DE ANIMACIÓN 2025, TAFÍ DEL VALLE, ARGENTINA

LES INTERGALACTIQUES – FESTIVAL DE SCIENCE-FICTION DE LYON 2026, LYON, FRANCE

CHÉRIES-CHÉRIS – FESTIVAL DU FILM LGBTQ+ DE PARIS 2025, PARIS, FRANCE

INSIDE OUT – TORONTO LGBT FILM FESTIVAL 2026, TORONTO, CANADA

PINK APPLE SCHWULLESBISCHE+ FILMFESTIVAL 2026, ZURICH, SWITZERLAND

FREIBURG GAY FILM FESTIVAL 2026, FREIBURG, GERMANY

RIO LGBTQIA+ INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2026, RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

FOYLE FILM FESTIVAL 2025, DERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND

PINX FESTIVAL 2026, GHENT, BELGIUM

PLAYGROUNDS: THE ART DEPARTMENT 2026, EINDHOVEN, NETHERLANDS

ORLANDO SHORTS 2026, BERGAMO, ITALY



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