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## 20<sup>th</sup> edition of the Festival of Animated Film

Stuttgart – Heaven on earth for all fans of animated film! The **Stuttgart Festival of Animated Film (ITFS)** is the biggest and one of the most important festivals for animated film worldwide. And from **April 23 to April 28, 2013** it opens again the doors to the worlds of animation. Around 1,000 of the best international animated films will be shown in Stuttgart representing the whole spectrum of the genre. The Simpsons, Shaun the sheep, Maya the bee or the Mainzelmännchen – all animated heroes are going to be around to celebrate the big animation jubilee together with professional visitors and fans.

**2013 the ITFS gained the all-time record of over 3.000 film submissions for the nine competitions! The competition and supporting programmes show the newest films from all over the world**, for example from Germany, France, Malawi, Australia, China, Japan, Canada, Latvia, and many more, being nominated for the Oscar like Timothy Reckart's „Head over Heels“ and David Silverman's „Maggie Simpson – The longest Daycare“ or for the César like „Oh Willy ...“ by Emma de Swaef/Marc Roels and „Edmond était un âne“ by Franck Dion. Animation artists like Atsushi Wada (Berlinale Silver Bear 2012) and Jakob Schuh („The Gruffalo“), David Silverman („The Simpsons“), Ron Diamond, member of the Academy Awards, or Barry Purves, one of the most prominent authorities of puppet animation, will be presented and are expected to come.

Selected national and international film and art schools will be presented as well as animation studios such as Laika, Pixar or Aardman Animation. The children's festival Tricks for Kids in the Mercedes-Benz Museum presents the best and most recent films and series for children and families. Simultaneously with the festival the **FMX – Conference on Animation, Effects, Games and Transmedia** (April 23 to 26) and the **Animation Production Day** (April 25/26) will take place again. With its enthusiastic audience, unique locations and numerous national and international guests (2012: 80.000), the Stuttgart Festival of Animated Film is a fixture in the animation film scene.

Special anniversary highlights have to be part of the 20<sup>th</sup> edition: Twenty important pioneers of the ITFS will give a personal retrospective by presenting twenty films of previous festivals which they have selected on their own. The **Mainzelmännchen**, some of Germany's most popular cartoon characters are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013 and are going to have their official birthday gala at the Stuttgart Festival of Animated Film. The ITFS will depict worldwide developments in animated film with several programmes: e. g. the **host country India, Animated Africa** or the **Arabic world** of animated film.

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ITFS-Trailer

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOOljk\\_LOcs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOOljk_LOcs)

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*The Stuttgart Festival of Animated Film (ITFS), April 23 – 28, 2013, was founded in 1982 and is the largest and one of the most important festivals for animated film worldwide. Prize money of 65,000 Euros is awarded in nine competition categories. The Stuttgart Festival of Animated Film works in close co-operation with the FMX, Europe's biggest Conference on Animation, Effects, Games and Interactive Media, attracting industry professionals. Together with the FMX and Michael Schmetz Media Consult the ITFS holds the business platform Animation Production Day.*