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## CALL FOR ENTRIES: 21st Stuttgart Festival of Animated Film (April 22-27, 2014)

## Looking for the best animated films worldwide!

In 2014 Stuttgart will again open up the doors to the great world of animated film. And the competition for the golden Trickstars starts anew. The Stuttgart Festival of Animated Film (ITFS) will offer a platform to filmmakers, directors and production companies to present their films and give the fans of animated film the chance to watch animated short and feature films of all genres for six days.

The ITFS is one of the biggest and most important international festivals for animated film. It has developed into an essential event within the field of animated film in Germany and worldwide. Around 80,000 visitors and approximately 2,500 accredited professionals attended in 2013. An extensive supporting programme offers numerous workshops, informational events, presentations and much more.

The festival takes into its scope the entire spectrum of current animated film productions, including the intersections between games, architecture, art, design and fashion. Both professionals and friends of animated film appreciate the quality and up-to-date programmes as well as the unique atmosphere at Stuttgart's Schlossplatz. Information, networking, creativity and professional expertise are major topics of the festival. Together, the ITFS, the Animation Production Day (APD), and the first-class industry conference FMX (Conference on Animation, Effects, Games and Transmedia) —all taking place concurrently— have developed into a unique and very important platform for the financing and development of animated projects.

Yet it is the art of animation and the promotion of up and coming talent that makes up the core of the ITFS. The various competition categories award the Trickstars and cash prizes totalling more than 70,000 Euros.

Animated films produced after October 01, 2012 can be submitted for one of the Festival's following competition categories:

- International Competition (Short film competition)
- AniMovie (Feature-length film competition)
- Young Animation (Student film competition)
- Tricks for Kids shorts and series (Competition for short films and TV series for children)
- Cartoons for Teens (Competition for short films, series, animes, machinimas and cut scenes from computer games for teens aged 12 to 18)

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: December 01, 2013

Information on the terms and conditions, the competition categories and the awards: <a href="https://www.itfs.de/en/home/festival/competitions-of-the-itfs/call-for-entries/">www.itfs.de/en/home/festival/competitions-of-the-itfs/call-for-entries/</a>



There are special entry forms for the competition for applied animation Animated Com Award, the German Screenplay Award (from October 15, 2013), and for the Live Animation Competition Crazy Horse Session – 48 h Animation Jam (from November 01, 2013).

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The Stuttgart Festival of Animated Film (ITFS), April 22 – 27, 2014, was founded in 1982 and is one of the largest and most important festivals for animated film worldwide. Prize money of 70,000 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 Transmedia, attracting industry professionals. Together with the FMX the ITFS holds the business platform Animation Production Day.