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Call for Entries – 22nd Stuttgart Festival of Animated Film (May 5-10, 2015)

Spring 2015 will get animated again - Stuttgart invites to the great world of animation! The Stuttgart International Festival of Animated Film (ITFS) is one of the most outstanding events for animated film worldwide. The Festival takes into its scope the whole spectrum of current productions in the animated film sector, including the intersections between games, architecture, art, design and comedy. With GameZone, the ITFS takes an especially close look at transmedia and the convergence of animation and computer games. The Festival offers directors as well as production and distribution companies a platform to present their films to an interested and large audience as well as countless members of the industry. In the spring of 2015, Stuttgart will once more become the centre of the world with regards to animated film for six days and nights.

Founded in 1982, the Festival has developed into a leading event for animated film in Germany and is regarded as one of the most important and biggest events for animated film around the world. Stuttgart's city centre provides a one-of-a-kind backdrop for the Festival's open-air film screenings, lending them a truly special atmosphere. The large LED projection screen allows for shows of animated short films and popular features to be screened day and night, which makes the ITFS a true family festival. In 2014, around 85,000 visitors came to Stuttgart and watched more than 600 films at the open-air screenings, at venues in the city centre, and at venues in Ludwigsburg. World-renowned animators such as Stephen Hillenburg (SpongeBob) and Jannik Hastrup, David Silverman (The Simpsons) and Pierre Coffin (Despicable Me), have expressed how much they love the Festival's unique and intimate atmosphere.

Artistic animation and the promotion of up and coming talent make up the core of the ITFS. The various competition categories award cash prizes totalling more than 50,000 euros. Together, the ITFS, the **Animation Production Day**, and the first-class industry conference **FMX** have developed into an important platform for the financing and development of animated projects.

Animated films produced after October 1, 2013, can be submitted for the following competition categories:

- **International Competition** (Short 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 animated short films and series, animes and machinimas for youths)
- **AniMovie** (Feature-length film competition)

Submission deadline: December 1, 2014

More information on the competitions: <http://www.ifs.de/en/festival-2/competitions/>

Information on more categories for submissions will follow shortly. More information <http://www.ifs.de/en/>, [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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