



ANIMATED FILMS AT TAMPERE FILM FESTIVAL 5-9 MARCH 2008

Joanna Quinn, who will visit Tampere Film Festival as a LAB10 Jury member, is one of the most honoured and awarded animators in this moment. Her first animation to gain international interest was *Girls Night Out* (1986). It won several important awards, including the Special Jury Prize at the Annecy Film Festival. Beryl, a full-figured, emancipated and fun character that appears in many of Quinn's films, makes her debut in this film. Quinn has stated that when drawing Beryl, she was very aware of the character's feminist dimensions. The other animation films where Beryl appears are *Body Beautiful* (1990) and *Dreams and desires – Family Ties* (2006). The latter won the Prix UIP Tampere award as well as the Audience award of the International Competition at the Tampere Film Festival last year. There are also four other animated films and animated commercials in the screening. Even though Joanna Quinn's retrospective includes a diverse variety of animations, the animator's distinctive style can be seen in all of them: lively and mobile drawing style and full and lush characters. In Joanna Quinn's animations bubbling humour, creative and quickly proceeding story and a strong, recognisable drawing style meet.

>> Joanna Quinn: 6 March 6pm Hällä T24 / 8 March 6pm Hällä L33

Another animation retrospective introduce Swedish Johan Hagelbäck, who has been at the cutting edge of Swedish animation for thirty years. His works have been screened earlier at the Tampere Film Festival both in the International Competition and in the special programmes focusing on animation and Swedish film. The first animation by Hagelbäck was seen in Tampere in 1980, when *Who Will Comfort Toffle?* (1979) entered the International Competition. The film is screened also in Tampere in a screening which is aimed especially at children, whereas the other screening is directed at a more grown-up audience. The children's screening is named a UNICEF screening in celebration of Tampere's nomination as the UNICEF City 2008.

>> Hagelbäck absolutely not four youngs: 7 March 10pm Plevna 5 P14 / 8 March 8pm Plevna 5 L13

>> Hagelbäck for youngs –Unicef-screening: 8 March 12am Tullikamari L23

Friends of animation should remember also Law of Nature, a series of 18 animations, each directed by different director. Various methods ranging from 3D animation to conventional drawn animation were used in creating the series. The series was co-produced with Yle Yhteistuotannot.

>> Law of Nature: 7 March 2pm Plevna 6 P17

Other animation screenings in Tampere Film Festival:

>> Kino Rossija 1: 5 March 10pm Tullikamari K10 / 8 March 4pm Plevna 6 L18

>> Sponsored Films 4: Finnish Animated Ads: 8 March 4pm Hällä L32

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