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Animation Dingle announces new programme for the 12th year of festival

- **Jam Media** and Animation Dingle announce 12th year of festival in partnership with **Fís Éireann/Screen Ireland** with a fantastic programme and line up of international contributors.
- Animation Dingle to host industry giants such as Nickelodeon, BBC, PIXAR, Netflix
- **RTÉjr** Animation Dingle Awards
- **Disney** to present the Young Animator of the Year award
- Over 11 Irish Colleges, 47 International colleges in attendance
- **Bank of Ireland** has joined as a new sponsor of the festival

Dingle, Ireland – March 5, 2024 - Animation Dingle, one of Europe's premier animation festivals, returns for its highly anticipated 2024 edition, now in its 12th year, it promises a captivating showcase of creativity, innovation, and collaboration in the world of animation. Set against the picturesque backdrop of Dingle, Ireland, this year's festival is poised to be an unforgettable gathering of industry professionals, enthusiasts, and aspiring animators from around the globe.

Désirée Finnegan, Chief Executive of Fís Éireann/Screen Ireland, said:

“**Screen Ireland** is proud to support Animation Dingle this year as its official Industry Partner – it is a festival that brings together international partners across broadcasting, production and distribution and connects them with Irish animators and world-class studios. We hope this year will be an incredible celebration of animated storytelling in all its forms.”

Taking place 22 – 23 March, Animation Dingle, an **Academy Awards**® qualifying festival is building upon its esteemed reputation as a hub for fostering dialogue, networking, and inspiration within the animation community. Renowned for its diverse programme encompassing screenings, workshops, panel discussions, and networking opportunities, the festival serves as a dynamic platform for both seasoned veterans and emerging talents to connect, learn, and showcase their work.

“Animation Dingle is a testament to the vibrant creativity and innovation that defines Ireland's growing animation industry. Connecting young talent, Irish companies and international industry leads, the event showcases Ireland as a centre of excellence for animation and celebrates the work of an increasing legion of award-winning Irish animators. This growth arises from an extraordinary spirit of collaboration amongst the Irish companies and industry stakeholders. **Enterprise Ireland** is proud to support Animation Dingle and its mission to promote Ireland as a global leader in animation”. **Leo Clancy, CEO, Enterprise Ireland**

We're incredibly excited to host Animation Dingle 2024, a festival that stands at the crossroads of education, celebration and industry, where animation students come to mingle and network with the best in the business. This year, we're delving into the transformative impact of AI on the industry, sparking what promises to be a lively debate. It's a unique chance for students to immerse themselves in the latest trends, techniques, and innovations, from traditional storytelling to cutting-edge virtual reality, and to engage directly with the creators and companies shaping the future of animation.” **John Rice, CEO, Jam Media**

Highlights of Animation Dingle 2024 include:

- **Screenings:** A diverse selection of animated films, shorts, and series from around the world, spanning various genres and animation styles.
- **Studio Fair:** Includes Irish Animation studios such as **Boulder Media**, **Cartoon Saloon** and **Animation Ireland**
- **Workshops:** Hands-on sessions led by industry experts, offering invaluable insights into the craft of animation, from character design to storytelling techniques.
- **Panel Discussions:** Engaging conversations with leading figures in the animation industry, exploring emerging trends, technological advancements, and the future of animation.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Ample occasions for attendees to connect with fellow enthusiasts, industry professionals, and potential collaborators, fostering meaningful connections and partnerships.

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For more information and to stay updated on Animation Dingle 2024, including program announcements and ticket sales, please visit <https://animationdingle.com/programme/>

About Animation Dingle: Animation Dingle is an annual animation festival held in Dingle, Ireland, dedicated to celebrating the art of animation and providing a platform for industry professionals, students, enthusiasts, and aspiring animators to connect, learn, and showcase their work. Since its inception, Animation Dingle has grown to become one of Europe's premier animation festivals, renowned for its diverse program of screenings, awards, workshops, panel discussions, and networking opportunities.

Animation Dingle is an **Academy Awards**® qualifying festival.

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