

KLIK! Amsterdam Animation Festival looks back on a successful eight edition

For six days, KLIK! Amsterdam Animation Festival brought a whirlwind of animation and the world's best animators to the Netherlands.

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SUMMARY

*The festival looks back on a successful eight edition, with 12.000 visitors for over 60 screenings. KLIK! served up the very best animation has to offer, with Dutch premieres of eye-popping feature films and animated shorts, new episodes of the Cartoon Network hit series *We Bare Bears*, and inspiring talks and masterclasses from filmmakers such as PES, Tomm Moore, and Disney's Eric Daniels. This year, KLIK! honored the craftsmanship behind animation, and the use of traditional materials and techniques with its theme programming *Rock, Paper, Scissors*. At the long-awaited Festival Awards Dinner KLIK! awarded the best animated shorts of this year's festival.*

KLICK! kicked off its eight edition with a mesmerizing opening ceremony, featuring an automata parade by The Cardboarders and a musical performance by The Leonids. The evening also saw the bestowal of the annual World Domination Award for an organization, studio, or individual that helped Dutch animation take another big step forward. The audience gave **Bruno Felix** of production company Submarine and distribution company Periscoop a thunderous applause as he was awarded the **World Domination Award 2015** by an expert jury.

For its international competitions, the heart of the festival, KLIK! received a staggering 1.800+ entries from over 80 countries. Only the best animations were selected and screened in the programs Animated Shorts, Dutch Delights, Animated Music Videos, Animation for Hire, Political Animated Shorts, and Emerging Animation Nations.

KLIK! also presented the **Dutch premiere** of the long-awaited feature films *Kahlil Gibran's The Prophet* and *April and the Extraordinary World*, and screened the prize-winning films *Long Way North* and *Cafard*.

Internationally-acclaimed filmmakers such as Johnny Kelly, Tomm Moore, Disney's Eric Daniels, and Dutch animation trio **Job, Joris & Marieke** gave a look behind the scenes in talks and interactive masterclasses.

With its theme program **Rock, Paper, Scissors** KLIK! celebrated the craftsmanship behind animations, with a special focus on films that are made with everyday materials such as the films of Oscar nominated filmmaker PES.

This year, KLIK! presented a special student and kids day, with programming especially suitable for these audiences who could also visit the festival with a special discount.

All year round, KLIK! strives to unite and inspire (aspiring) animation professionals. International filmmakers, producers and other professionals from the creative sector gathered during the annual Consultation Hours and the Debutante Ball, and celebrated the launch of DAMD, the brand-new and only Dutch association/union of 2D/3D animators, VFX and motion design professionals.

On Saturday KLIK! awarded the best animated shorts of this year's fest at the Festival Awards Dinner. That's when the jury announced the winners of the KLIK! Awards for Best Professional, Student, Commissioned, and Political Animated Short, Best Animated Music Video, and Best Animated Short from an Emerging Nation. And the KLIK! Amsterdam Audience Award winners. The festivities then continued as KLIK! celebrated the latest and greatest Dutch animated shorts with brand-new KLIK! NL Awards for Craftsmanship, Massive Laughs, and XX.

The film ***Sunday Lunch*** by Céline Devaux is the winner of the **KLIK! MediaMonks Award for Best Animated Short 2015**. The films *We Can't Live Without Cosmos* by Konstantin Bronzit, and *The Tie* by An Vrombaut were awarded the **KLIK! Amsterdam Audience Award 2015** and **KLIK! Young Amsterdam Audience Award 2015**.

KLIK! looks back on a successful eight edition and announces the dates of next year's festival: 25-30 October 2016 at EYE in Amsterdam.

About KLIK!

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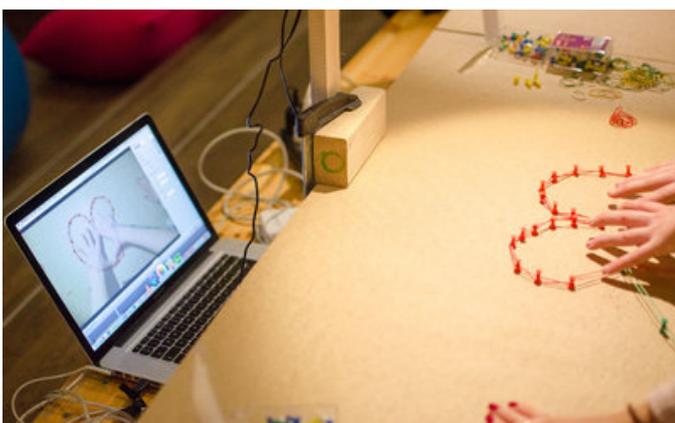
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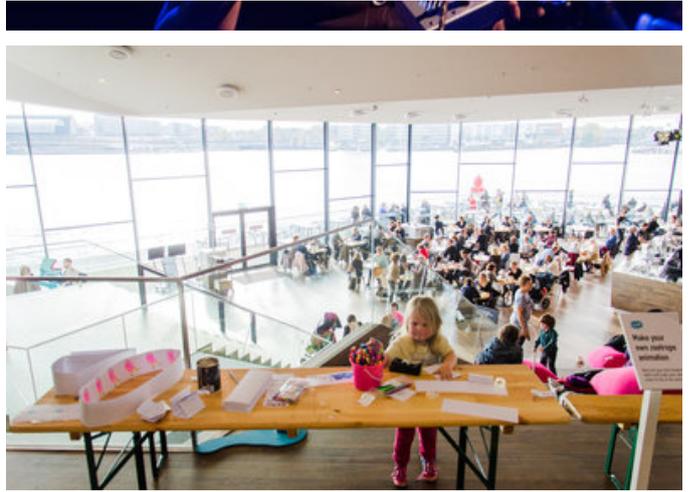
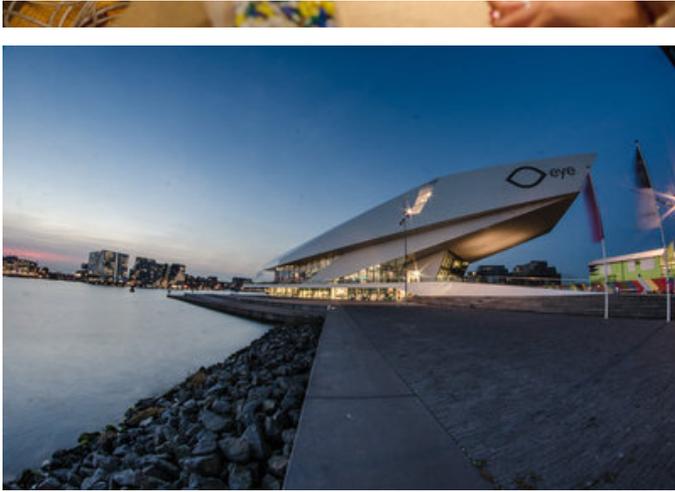
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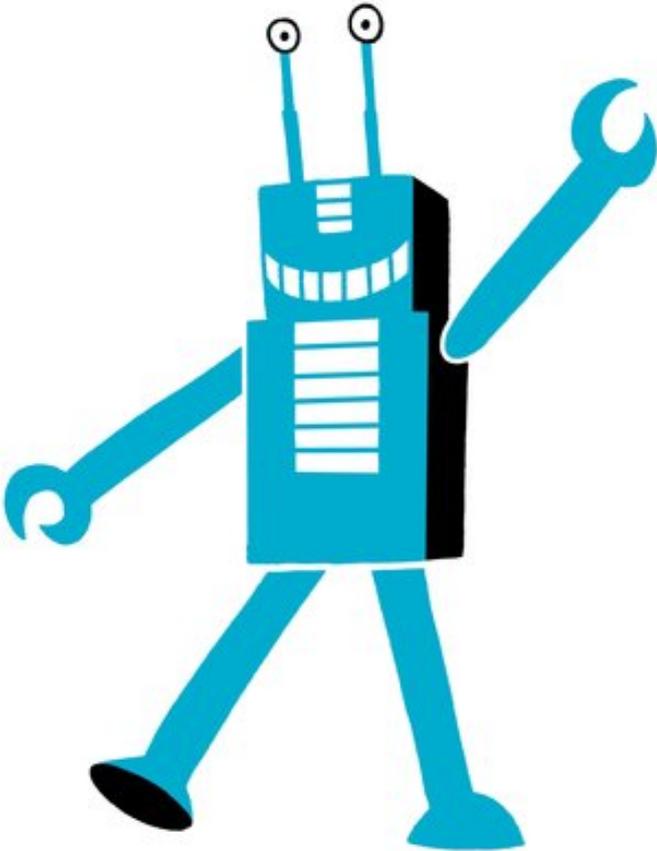
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