

It's what's on the inside that counts



# BELLYSAURUS

A Short Children's Film by Philip Watts



## **Synopsis:**

A tiny dinosaur dreams she is a scary big dinosaur. When danger strikes, she learns it's what's on the inside that counts. Literally.

## **Technical Details:**

CATEGORIES: Short Animated Film, Children's

COUNTRY OF PRODUCTION: Australia

YEAR OF PRODUCTION: 2021

RUNNING TIME: 7:49 mins

LANGUAGE: No dialogue

ANIMATION TECHNIQUE: Hand-drawn and computer / 2.5D

SCREENING FORMAT: ProRes 422HQ / 16:9 / 1920x1080 / Stereo Audio or 5.1 Surround

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## **Director's Biography:**

Philip Watts is an animator from Melbourne, Australia. He studied Film and Television at Australia's Swinburne Film School (now VCA School of Film and Television.)

His 2013 film *Bless You* played at over 25 festivals and won Best Animated film at the 2013 Portland Film Festival. His 2014 film *The Visitors* won the Kids Jury Prize at the New York International Children's Film Festival. His 2017 film *Supersperson* won Best Short (Age 7+) at the Barcelona Children's Film Festival. The same year Philip completed an animated segment on the number 7 for *Sesame Street*.

Philip also works as television editor, working on many TV shows including the internationally acclaimed *Wentworth*.

## **Director's Filmography:**

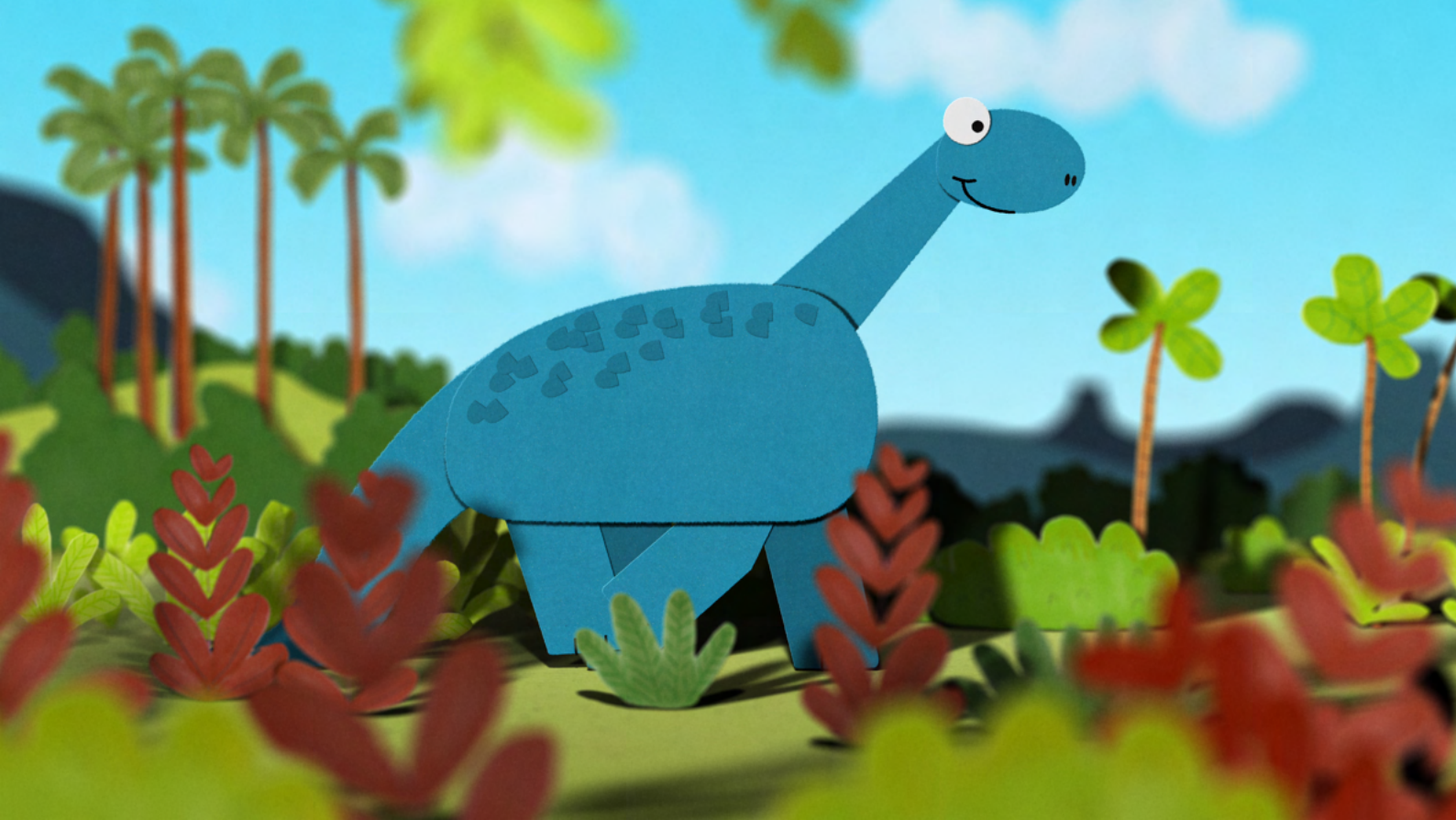
- 2021** Bellysaurus
- 2021** Sign Up!
- 2017** Sesame Street segment - 7 Haircuts
- 2017** Supersperson
- 2014** The Visitors
- 2013** Bless You
- 2011** Vend Your Anger
- 2011** Bunny Magic



### **Director's Statement:**

I'm fascinated by watching small dogs show no sense of their actual size and taking it upon themselves to bark ferociously at large dogs that could eat them for breakfast. This placed an image in my mind - a small dinosaur roaring at a large tyrannosaurus rex. What would happen next? This evolved into a tale of outer strength versus inner strength... and of berries that make dinosaurs fart and burp. What evolves is an unlikely friendship.

It took me some experimenting before I settled on the look of the film. The background elements are hand-drawn with coloured markers. The characters are animated in a digital paper cutout style. Although the film was animated on a computer I was keen to employ an organic stop-motion aesthetic.



## **Trailer Link:**

<https://vimeo.com/603849855>

## **Cast and Crew:**

Voices: **Berri Schachter,  
Gila Belfer, Aizik Schachter, Eli Szewicz**

Music: **Dmitri Golovko**

Sound Design: **Andrew McGrath**

Writer, Animator, Director, Producer: **Philip Watts**



## Screenings:

Winner (Best Film For Kids Under 5): Singapore Intl Children's Film Festival, 2022  
Official Selection: Annecy Festival, France, 2022  
Official Selection: London Film Festival, UK, 2022  
Official Selection: Anibar International Animation Festival, Kosovo, 2022  
Official Selection: Children's Film Festival Seattle, USA, 2022  
Official Selection: BAMkids Film Festival, Brooklyn, USA, 2022  
Official Selection: Festival PLAY - Lisbon Intl Children's Film Festival, Portugal, 2022  
Official Selection: Chicago International Children's Film Festival, USA, 2022  
Official Selection: London International Animation Festival, UK, 2022  
Official Selection: El Meu Primer Festival / Barcelona Children's Festival, Spain, 2022  
Official Selection: KidFilm Family Festival, Dallas, USA, 2022  
Official Selection: Providence Children's Film Festival, USA, 2022  
Official Selection: Cinemagic Belfast Intl Film Festival for Young People, UK, 2022  
Official Selection: Wisconsin Film Festival, Madison, USA, 2022  
Official Selection: Psaroloco International Film Festival for Children, Greece, 2022  
Official Selection: North x North International Film Festival, Duluth, Minnesota, USA, 2022  
Official Selection: The KINOLUB Film Festival for Children and Youth, Poland 2022  
Official Selection: Martha's Vineyard Film Festival, USA, 2022  
Official Selection: CHIFF - Children's International Film Festival, Australia, 2022  
Official Selection: Fest Anča International Animation Festival, Slovakia, 2022  
Official Selection: Beirut International Children and Family Film Festival, Lebanon, 2022  
Official Selection: Athens International Children's Film Festival, 2022  
Official Selection: Tumbleweeds Film Festival for Kids, Utah, 2022  
Official Selection: Animix - Tel Aviv Animation Festival, Israel, 2022  
Official Selection: Taichung International Animation Festival, Taiwan, 2022  
Official Selection: Göteborg Film Festival Prisma, Sweden, 2022  
Official Selection: Kaohsiung Film Festival, Taiwan, 2022  
Official Selection: Pentedattilo Film Festival, Italy, 2022  
Official Selection: Cervino Cinemountain, Valtournenche, Italy, 2022