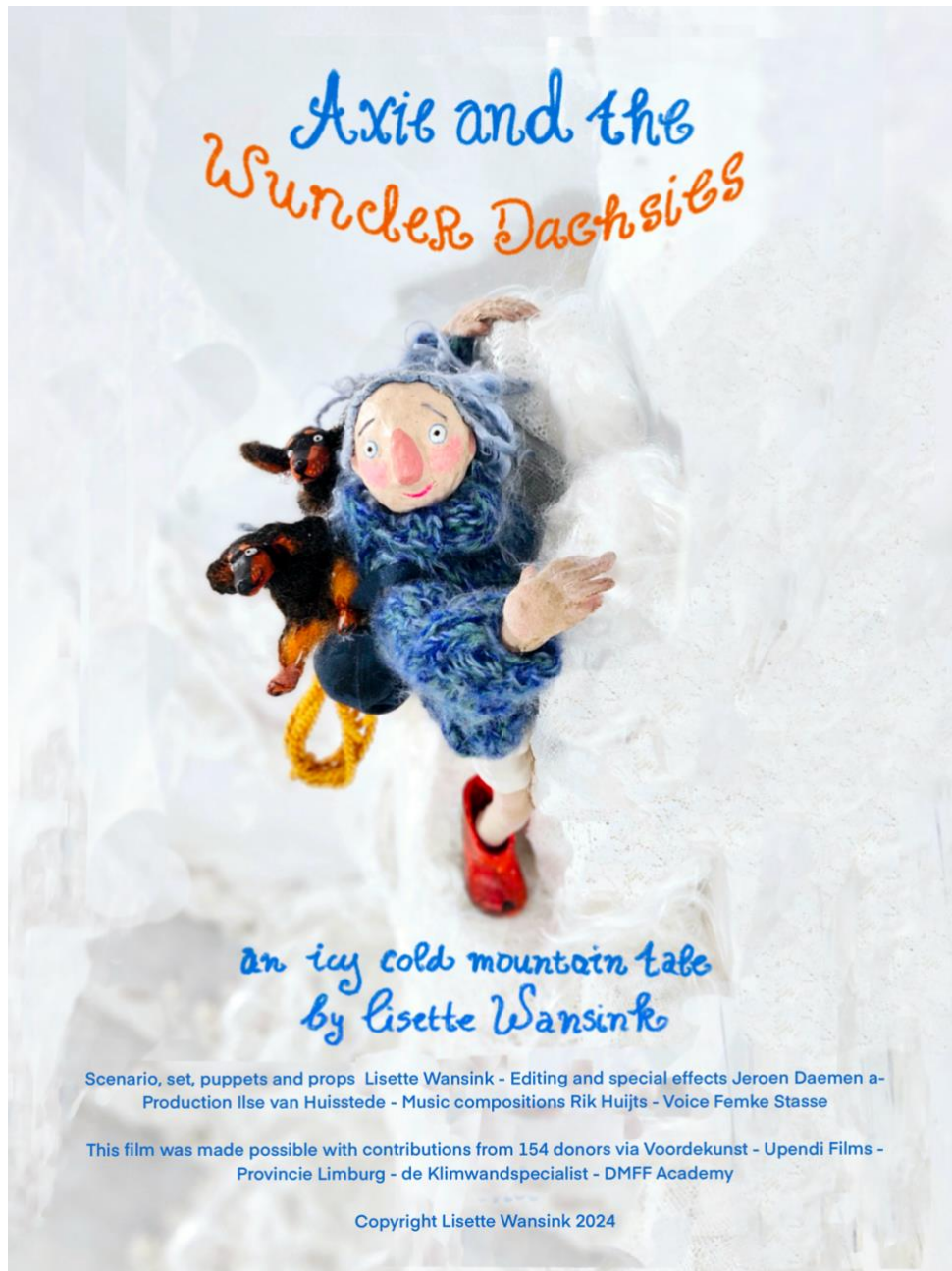


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Axie and the Wunder Dachsies



Once upon a time there was a rough-and-ready ice-climber who didn't come home. Together with her two precocious dachshunds, the Wunder Dachsies, the courageous Axie goes off in search of her long-lost knight in armour. High up in the mountains, she finds herself in an ice blizzard. Who knows what happens next...

During the Dutch Mountain film Festival Awards ceremony in 2023 puppetmaker Fröbelfrau Lisette Wansink was challenged to make a stop-motion film using her puppets of famous mountaineers. Without further ado, she took up the challenge and knew straightaway who the main protagonist would be in her film: the dachshunds of Dutch ice-climbing champions, Marianne van der Steen and Dennis van Hoek. For months on end, Lisette has worked with great ingenuity on the sets and props in her cellar in Teuven in Belgium. With help from the DMFF Academy (Jeroen Daemen), on a steep learning curve, she has mastered the art of stop-motion film. The music has been composed and performed by Rik Huijts and Ilse van Huisstede is the producer.

Director, writer, camera, puppets, sets. Lisette Wansink

Producer Ilse van Huisstede

Editing Jeroen Daemen / Upendi Films

Music. Rik Huijts

Voice Femke Stasse

About the Dutch Mountain Film festival Academy.

In the DMFF academy, the Dutch Mountain Film Festival supports novice or advanced filmmakers in the filmmaking process. The goal is to help the filmmaker advance in his/her (mountain) film qualities. The emphasis in this program is on the development and education of the filmmaker. We try to combine this with a mountain film project in order to include our audience and the participants of the Industry Day in this process.

Artist Lisette Wansink is the first to receive support in her growth into an independent filmmaker/director. As a novice she turned her doll creations into a Stop-Motion film Axie and the Wunder Dachsies. She was guided by Jeroen Daemen of Upendi Film.

We are proud of the result and process!

<https://www.dmf.eu/de/>

Director Biography - Lisette Wansink



Lisette Wansink, 1964 Groningen Netherlands. Allround Sculptor.

She builds her fairy tale art with illustrations, puppets, stopmotion films and craftstories told by her alter ego the Fröbelfrau. The result is colorful and cheerful with a humorous twist.

She lives with her young dog Juanito in the foothills of the Ardennes , Belgium.

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