

SHELTERED

Electronic Press-kit (EPK)



Specifications

Project Title: SHELTERED
Project Type: Animated Short-film, Experimental, Student
Genre: Dystopian-adventure, fiction
Runtime (including credits): 00:11:25
Completion Date: October 4, 2024
Country of Origin: Netherlands
Aspect Ratio: 2.39
Film Color: Black & White and Color
Audio Mix: 5.1
Student Project: Yes – HKU University of Arts Utrecht

About the film

SHELTERED is an animated short-film, created by four students in their second-year of their Animation-studies at HKU University of Arts. The assignment was to make your own film, as we wished. Before pre-production, we as a group experimented with creating cardboard assets and characters. This led to the film eventually becoming a 3D & Mixed-media project.

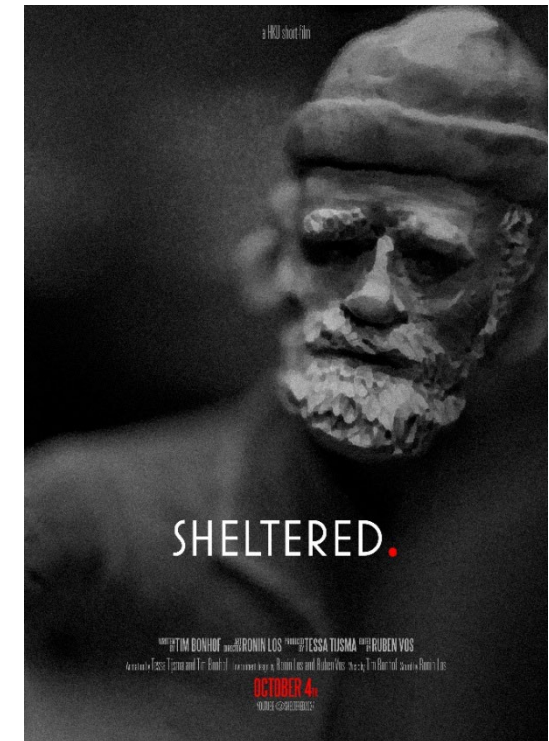
The film is about loneliness, and it deals with the struggle of trying to find your own place in a world where you don't feel you belong.

Logline

SHELTERED is an animated short-film about a homeless man struggling to find his place in a society that never seems to slow down. When he is met with an unexpected encounter, he embarks on a path which takes him down to the depths of the city.

Synopsis

A homeless man struggles to get by in an overindustrialized society. As cats hiss at him and restaurants close their doors in his face, he scours the outer streets of the city for food, but without success. Now he is forced to make his way through the busy city-center. The never-ending sea of pedestrian crowds flood the streets, and the homeless man barely gets through it. It all becomes too much, and he retreats to a nearby alleyway, to try and calm down. A cat appears near him, and to his surprise, it acts friendly towards the man. After processing this new and unknown feeling, he decides he must follow this new friend. Their travels take them from crowded streets, to dark alleyways, through dirty sewer pipes, and finally, to an old and forgotten part of the city, hidden underground. After a dangerous moment, where the homeless man needs to make a definitive choice, it is revealed what the cat led him to. A nest of kittens, stuck beneath the rubble of the old city, waiting to be rescued by an outside force. The man helps them, and they thank him with cuddles. He pets them, and he himself, finally, and for the first time, seems to calm down.



Crew & roles

Tim Bonhof: Director, writer, animator, composer

Tessa Tijmsma: Producer, animator

Ronin Los: Art-director, set-designer, lighting-artist, sound-designer

Ruben Vos: Editor, set-designer, lighting-artist

Director

Director biography:

Tim Bonhof is a young Dutch animation-student (HKU), who makes animated films with a great passion for story.

Director statement:

"As a student of animation, I'm not only interested in the technical aspects of filmmaking, but also what's beneath it all, the story. How does the story begin? How will it resolve? How can these characters take the viewer on an emotional journey? What makes this clock tick? These interests and curiosities for the artform will always drive my way of making something."

FAQ

Q: How long did it take to make the film?

A: Approximately five months in total. Two were spent on pre-productions, two on production, and the last one on creating and rendering the film's 4K version.

Q: What rendering software did you use?

A: Blender. The whole film was created, animated, lit, rendered and composited mostly in Blender.

Q: Is SHELTERED stop-motion?

A: No, it's actually all animated in 3D. However, the head of our main character was made with clay, and lots of the set was created with cardboard. We created these assets, scanned them in using photogrammetry software, and combined them with digitally-made assets to build our sets. For our animation style, we purposely animated the homeless man on 4's, the cat on 1's and the crowds on 2's, to emphasize the emotional contrast between the characters.



From left to right: Tessa Tijmsma, Tim Bonhof, Ronin Los, Ruben Vos



Director: Tim Bonhof

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SHELTERED, on YouTube: https://youtu.be/p7mYY5qPtW?si=hDPdTrnEkPMox_Ty

SHELTERED, YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@SHELTERED2024>

SHELTERED, FilmFreeway page: <https://filmfreeway.com/shelteredshortfilm>

SHELTERED, Instagram page: <https://www.instagram.com/sheltered.shortfilm/>

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