

# THE CHERRY TREE

A FILM BY  
TZETZI LAZAROV

WILL YOU EVER RETURN TO FIND YOUR BEST FRIEND?



**BEST DIRECTION**  
**ANIMATED SHORT FILM**

AWARD WINNER  
**Global India International Film Festival**  
2024

**WINNER**  
**BEST SCREENPLAY**

**AniFest A'GJIRO**  
2024

**BEST ROMANTIC FILM**

AWARD WINNER  
**Global India International Film Festival**  
2024

**Ch Children Cinema Awards**  
Finalist

Finalist  
**AniMate**  
Australia Animation Film Festival 2024

FINALIST  
**Moscow International Children's Film Festival**  
2025

FINALIST  
**New York Animation Film Awards**  
★★★★★

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**Moscow International Children's Film Festival**  
2025

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**FESTPRO**  
Film Festival

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**Festival International De Cine De Lebu**  
2025

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**Golden FEMI Film Festival**  
2025

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**Holland Short Film Festival**

**ROMA FILM CORTO**

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**CONSTANTINE'S GOLD COIN**  
2024

LIFT-OFF GLOBAL NETWORK  
**AMSTERDAM 2024**  
OFFICIAL SELECTION

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**TOFUZI International Animated Film Festival**  
2024

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**The Copper Flower Youth Film Festival**

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OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**Festival Infantil Y Juvenil Chulpicine**  
2024

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**'ANIMUR' Khabarovsk International Animation Film Festival**  
2024

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**WTF International Film Festival**  
Russia 2024

2024  
**OFFICIAL SELECTION**  
**Rome International Film Festival**

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**Serbest International Film Festival-SIFF**  
2024

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**Global India International Film Festival**

**T-short**  
official selection

Official Selection  
**AniMate**  
Australia Animation Film Festival 2024

SELECTION OFFICIEL  
**XV FESTIVAL DE CINE INFANCIA Y ADOLESCENCIA**  
2024

**Ch Children Cinema Awards**  
Official Selection

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**Qulu International Children's and Youth Film Festival**  
2024

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**Animaevka International Festival of Animation Films**  
2024

SEMI-FINALIST  
**New York Animation Film Awards**  
★★★★★

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**5th Cortintelvi International Short Film Festival**  
2024

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**Settimo Short Film Festival**  
2024

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**CARTOON CLUB INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ANIMATION CINEMA COMICS AND GAMES**  
2024

Official Selection  
**MELROSE FILM FESTIVAL**  
2024

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**Animax Skopje Fest**  
2024

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**CWCF**  
2024

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**Boston International Kids Film Festival**  
2024

LIFT-OFF GLOBAL NETWORK  
**SESSIONS OFFICIAL SELECTION**

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**Between The Blue & Green Film Festival**  
2024

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**14th Dada Saheb Phalke Film Festival 24**  
New Delhi, India

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**HVAF**  
Happy Valley Animation Festival  
2025

# SYNOPSIS



"The Cherry Tree" is a tender short film that unfolds like a theatrical poetry. Set against the backdrop of a picturesque cherry tree, it follows the journey of two children, a boy and a girl, whose paths intertwine by fate.

The innocence of childhood bonds them in an instant. Their laughter and playful banter become the melody of their shared moments, painting the canvas of their friendship with vibrant hues of joy and wonder, as they become inseparable.

However, as life's unpredictable event comes around them, they are forced to part ways. Time passes, seasons change, yet the memory of their cherished moments beneath the cherry tree lingers in their innocent hearts.

The question remains: Will destiny reunite these two souls once again? "The Cherry Tree" explores the enduring power of fate, unspoken love, painful longings and the timeless beauty of cherished memories between two friends.



# DIRECTOR BIOGRAPHY

## IMDB Profile



Name: Tzvetelin (Tzetzzi) Lazarov

Age: 40 y/o

Place: Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Nationality: Dutch, Bulgarian

Languages: Dutch, Bulgarian, English

Profession: Director/Producer

Educational Qualification: Bachelor in VFX, Netherlands Film & Television Academy

### Directing Filmography

(Independent Award-winning Productions)

The Cherry Tree	2024	(Short)
Faces of Bulgaria	2012	(Short Doc.)
Flappie	2004	(Music video)
The Kin Show	2003	(Short)
A Cat's Tail	2002	(Short)

### VFX Filmography

Winter in Wartime

Above & Below	2015	(Feature)
Conan The Barbarian	2011	(Feature)
Wit Licht	2008	(Feature)
Mona A Ghost Story.	2008.	(Short)
Oorlogswinter.	2008	(Feature)
Things Last	2007	(Short)

Tzetzzi Lazarov was born in Montana, Bulgaria and later immigrated to the Netherlands with his parents at the age of 5 . During his childhood days he faced many hardships with finding new belonging and acceptance in a new country, after leaving behind people he loved, and longed to reunite with them someday. With the help of his artistic dad, he learnt to channel those feelings and draw his vision on paper to create vibrant, heartfelt stories that uplift the human spirit and bring awe and joy to people. At the age of seventeen, he created his first short film, 'A Cat's Tail' using only a webcam, for which he won multiple awards. At 19, he created a music video "Flappie" which became the most watched Dutch Christmas video until date with over 3.5 Million views on YouTube and won him awards at Student Film Festivals. It was during this time, that he found his love for filmmaking with minimal means. Later, he went on to obtain a prestigious Bachelor's degree in Visual effects from the Netherlands Film & Television Academy in Amsterdam. The Cherry Tree idea was born during his time at the academy, but he did not know how to animate, although he knew how to draw. He found his answer in rotoscoping and the film took off. The short film is inspired by his own life story and provides his own point of view of how people can reunite with their loved ones. He wishes to open an all-women animation studio one day and empower women artists in the industry to produce heartfelt movies that matter.

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# DIRECTOR STATEMENT

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A long time ago, I knew a girl named Asia. We were inseparable, sharing every moment and growing up together in the remote regions of Bulgaria. But each summer, I had to return to Holland, leaving her behind. Saying goodbye to my childhood sweetheart was the most heart-wrenching experience. After several painful separations, our relationship ended, and we lost touch. Life moved on, but I was always haunted by the question: What if we had found a way to stay together?

"The Cherry Tree" is my attempt to answer that lingering question. What if the boy had bridged that great distance to be with his girlfriend? Wouldn't that make a wonderful story? But with limited resources, I had to think outside the box and make bold creative choices. I decided to forgo dialogues and character faces, choosing to tell the story entirely through body language and music. This daring experiment turned out to be a rewarding success.

From the start, I envisioned "The Cherry Tree" as a burst of colors on the big screen, believing that colors can uplift the mood even during sad moments, offering a glimmer of hope. The use of colors in the film reflects my belief in the positive impact colors have on our lives.

As an independent filmmaker, I faced significant challenges: securing sponsorship, finding artists to collaborate with, and obtaining funding. Many dismissed my idea as too simple and a waste of time, but I remained determined. As filmmakers, we must believe in our projects, even when no one else does. To fund my film, I took on wedding photography on the side. My female artists and friends played a crucial role, supporting me in every possible way. As a tribute to these incredible women, I hope to one day open an all-women animation studio.

"The Cherry Tree" is not just a film; it's a journey of love, hope, and resilience, brought to life through the magic of colors and music.

*Tzveti Lazarov*

# CAST & CREW

## Child Actors

Girl Benthe Reutelingsberger  
Boy Kjell Reutelingsberger



## Adult Actors

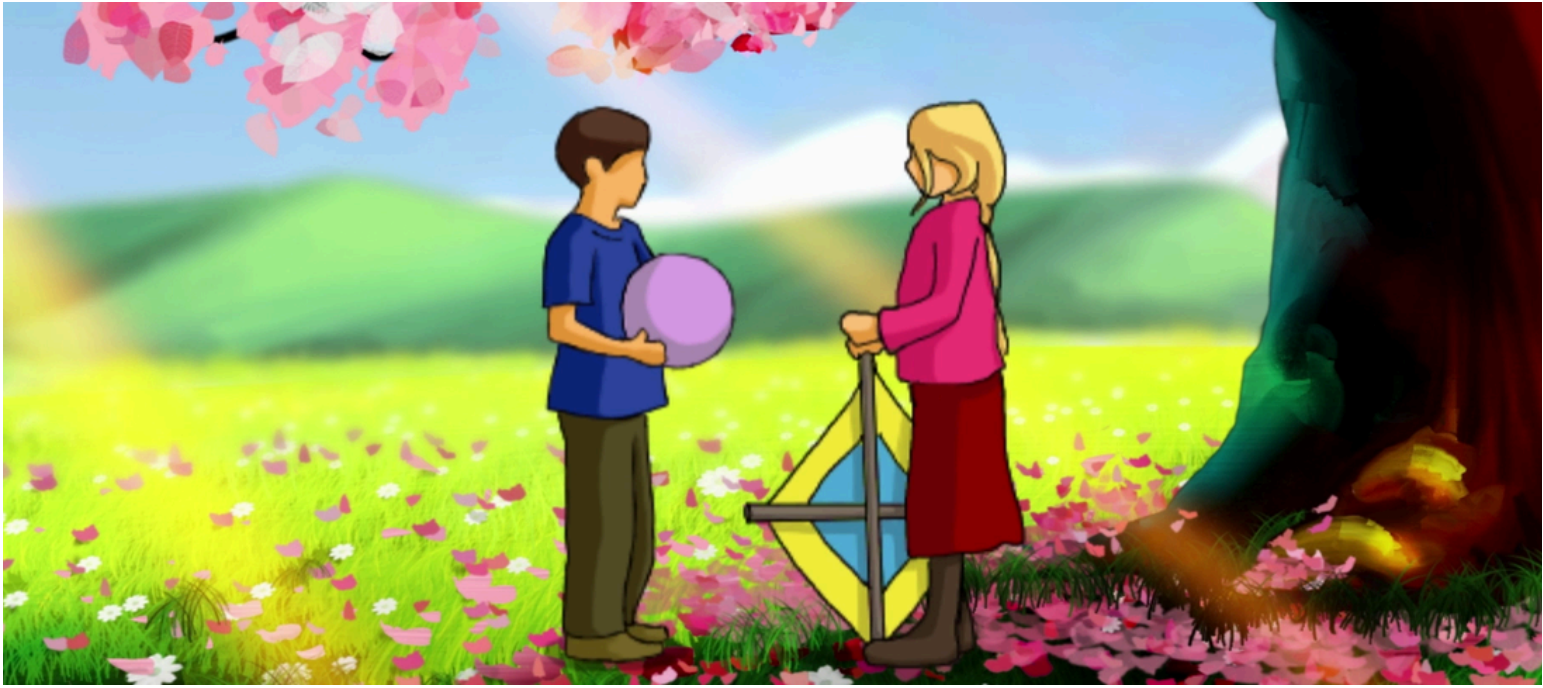
Adult Girl Francesca Pichel  
Adult Boy Boy Robert Jano  
Father Terry o' Leary



## Production Crew

Associate Producer Nidhi Khanna  
Production Assistant Chung Dang  
Production Assistant Jos Van Schouten







# FILM INFO

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Category	Short Film
Ganre	Romance, Children, Youth, Music, Adolescence
Style	Animation
Run Time	9 min 26 seconds

# TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Shooting Format	Digital HD/4K
Aspect Ratio	2.39:1 DCI SCOPE
Animation style	2D, Cell animation
Technology	Rotoscope
Equipment used	Wacom Cintiq tablets
Software used	Adobe Photoshop, After Effects, Davinci Resolve
Sound	Stereo (2.0) / Surround (5.1 film)
Voice language	No voice / no dialogue
Subtitles	No subtitles
Delivery Format	MP4 (H264) / MOV (ProRes) / DCP 2K SCOPE

# EXTERNAL LINKS

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Move website	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/TheCherryTreeFilm">https://www.facebook.com/TheCherryTreeFilm</a>
Director's Website.	<a href="http://www.tzetzi.nl">www.tzetzi.nl</a>
Screeener Link	<a href="https://vimeo.com/931679050">https://vimeo.com/931679050</a>
Trailer Link	<a href="https://vimeo.com/953470028">https://vimeo.com/953470028</a>

# AWARDS, OFFICIAL SELECTION & SCREENINGS 2024-2025



Screening Date : 29th Dec 2024  
 Premiere Status: Regional  
 Place: Pune, India



Screening Date : 29th Dec 2024  
 Premiere Status: Regional  
 Place: Pune, India



Screening Date : 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024  
 Premiere Status: Albanian Premiere  
 Place: Agjiro, Albania



Screening Date : 30th Sep 2024  
 Premiere Status: Netherlands  
 Place: Online



Screening Date : 1st June, 2024  
 Premiere Status: Australian Premiere  
 Place: Sydney, Australia



Screening Date : 16th-24th Nov, 2024  
 Premiere Status: Finnish  
 Place: Oulu, Finland



Screening Date : 28th Sep, 2024  
 Premiere Status: North American Premiere  
 Place: Orlando, Florida



Screening Date : 7th-13th Sep, 2024  
 Premiere Status: Americas  
 Place: Bogota, Colombia



Screening Date : 30th April, 2024  
 Premiere Status: World Premiere  
 Place: New Delhi, India



Screening Date : 6th July, 2024  
 Premiere Status: Russian Premiere  
 Place: Russia



Screening Date : 15th-21st July, 2024  
 Premiere Status: N/A  
 Place: Rimini, Italy



Screening Date : 8-10th Oct, 2024  
 Premiere Status: Regional  
 Place: Chennai, India



Screening Date : 13th August, 2024  
 Premiere Status: Regional  
 Place: Milan, Italy



Screening Date : 13th Oct, 2024  
 Premiere Status: Spanish Premiere  
 Place: Valencia, Spain



Screening Date : 1st Nov, 2024  
 Premiere Status: Regional  
 Place: Khabarovsk, Russia



Screening Date : -  
 Premiere Status: Netherlands Premiere  
 Place: Amsterdam, The Netherlands



Screening Date : 28th July 2024  
 Premiere Status: N/A  
 Place: Pichincha, Ecuador



Screening Date : 3rd-5th Dec, 2024  
 Premiere Status: Regional  
 Place: Rome, Italy



Screening Date : 10th May, 2024  
 Premiere Status: European Premiere  
 Place: Milan, Italy



Screening Date : 22nd July, 2024  
 Premiere Status: Serbian Premiere  
 Place: Nis, Serbia



Screening Date : 11th-16th Nov 2024  
 Premiere Status: Georgia  
 Place: Tbilisi, Georgia



Screening Date : August 2024  
 Premiere Status: UK Premiere  
 Place: England



Screening Date : 7th-14th Sep 2024  
 Premiere Status: Regional  
 Place: Sussex, UK



Screening Date : 29th Dec 2024  
 Premiere Status: Regional  
 Place: Pune, India



Screening Date : 13th-28th Sep  
 Premiere Status: GERMAN Premiere  
 Place: Germany



Screening Date : TBD  
 Premiere Status: Regional  
 Place: Manhattan, New York



Screening Date : 23rd Nov, 2024  
 Premiere Status: Regional  
 Place: Russia



Screening Date : 25th-27th Sep  
 Premiere Status: Regional  
 Place: Belarus, Russia

# AWARDS, OFFICIAL SELECTION & SCREENINGS 2024-2025



Screening Date : 9th March 2025  
Premiere Status: Holland  
Premiere  
Place: Holland, The Netherlands



Screening Date : 14th April 2025  
Premiere Status: Regional  
Place: Moscow, Russia



Screening Date : 27th March 2025  
Premiere Status: Regional  
Place: Pennsylvania, USA



Screening Date : 19th April 2025  
Premiere Status: Regional  
Premiere  
Place: Moscow, Russia



Screening Date : 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
Premiere Status: Chile  
Place: Lebu, Chile



Screening Date : 29th Jan 2025  
Premiere Status: Macedonia  
Place: Skopje, Macedonia



Screening Date : 31st October  
Premiere Status: Regional  
Place: Rome, Georgia, USA



Screening Date : 10th Nov  
Premiere Status: Regional  
Place: Melrose, Boston, MA



Screening Date : 23rd Sep  
Premiere Status: Ukraine  
Place: Moldova, Ukraine