

# THE EPIC OF ENKIDU



## **TAGLINE**

A fractured tale.

## **LOGLINE / SHORT SYNOPSIS**

When the catastrophic king Gilgamesh meets the grass-fed Enkidu, things don't go according to the clay tablets. A fractured take on the cuneiform classic, featuring doom, despair, deception, and sheep.

## **LONG SYNOPSIS**

A classically animated cartoon short based on the world's oldest piece of literature. Written on clay tablets in the Bronze Age, the Epic of Gilgamesh describes the chest-pounding friendship of the Mesopotamian king Gilgamesh and the wilderness-raised Enkidu. When the hubris of the two results in Enkidu's death, Gilgamesh undertakes a doomed, despondent search for the secret of immortality. More than 4,000 years later, *The Epic of Enkidu* presents a glumly slapstick take on the source material, wondering what might have been lost in those fragments of clay. Could Enkidu really leave the wilderness behind? Was Gilgamesh bright enough to understand it all? More than eight years in the making, this hand-drawn short film takes us from the walls of Uruk through the cedar forest of Humbaba to the end of the earth, where the house of the undying Utnapishtim may hold the answers. A cartoon retelling of our most ancient tale, *The Epic of Enkidu* is meant as a fractured paean to cuneiform, the animal kingdom, and what it is to be mortal.

## **CREDITS**

*Direction, Story, and Animation:* Mike A. Smith

*Music:* John Morgan Askew

*Sound Design and Mix:* Jason T. Edwards

*Voices:* Darin Dahms

## **DIRECTOR BIO**

Mike A. Smith first began animating as a kid with a borrowed Super 8 camera and some plasticine. Since then, he's dug his way into a career in archaeology, thrown away a mountain of bad drawings, and made animated shorts including the award-winning *Cooped* (2014) and *Missionary* (2005). From 2009 to 2011, Mike served as president of ASIFA Portland, the Pacific Northwest chapter of the international animation society.

## **WEBSITE (Trailer, Images, Poster, and More)**

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## **SPECIFICATIONS**

- Total Running Time 00:09:26
- 1920x1080p | 16:9 | 24fps
- Available as DCP, ProRes, or H264
- 5.1 Surround Sound or Stereo (L-R)
- No dialogue | Subtitles available for on-screen text