

Cell Buddies Festival overview

Production: Minor Stop Motion Animation – Sint Joost School of Art & Design

Status: 150+ International Selections | 25+ Awards & Nominations

Budget : 500 euro materials film 250 euro distribution

I. Top Selections

- Filmfest Dresden (DE) – Kids programme **Golden Pony Audience AWARD KIDS 3 10-13 years old**
- Interfilm Berlin (DE) – Eject the long night of Weird Shorts
- Monstra Lisbon (PT) – Official Selection international student competition
- Kaboom Animation Festival (NL) – Official Selection Dutch Shorts
- Schlingel Film Festival (DE) – Official Selection
- Kurzfilmfest Hamburg (DE) - Official Selection Mo & Friese & Short Film Slam
- Kuandu International Animation Festival KDIAF (Taiwan) -Official Selection Panorama
- Zlin Film Festival (CZ) – Official Selection International Animated Shorts for Children

II. Awarded Selections (Awards)

Some of the awards

- Filmfest Dresden (DE) – Award Winner Golden Pony Audience AWARD
- Golden Baklava International Student Film Festival (Türkiye) - 1st prize Animation
- Cinemare Kiel (Germany) -Award Winner- Audience Award
- Lumina (Thailand) – Award Winner – Reel Laughs Comedy Award
- Too drunk to watch (Germany) – Award Winner Animation Punk Award
- Chester Animation Festival (UK)– Award Winner Audience Award
- Lytham International Film Festival (UK) – Award Winner Best Animation
- Max Sir International Filmfest (Ukraine) – Award Winner Best Animation
- AniFestROZAF (Albanië) ECFA– Award Winner Best Animation
- Koorts Filmfestival (NL) – Award Winner Audience Award
- Earl's Court International Film Festival (UK) – Award Winner Best Animation
- Oxford Shorts (UK) -Award Winner Best Animation
- Between the Blue and the Green (UK) Award Winner Best Children's Film

- Mangalia Youth Film Festival (Romania) – Award Winner Best Animation
- Scorpisfest USA) – Award Winner Best Animation
- Filmfest Düsseldorf (DE) – Award Winner Audience Award
- Flamingo Film Festival (USA)– Award Winner Overall and Award Winner Audience Award
- The Comedy Film Festival (USA)– Award Winner Best International Short
- Animation Festival Striped Tail (Georgië) -Award Winner Best Family Animation

III. International Spread

The film has screened in 44 countries worldwide

Press highlights:

Dutch Design Daily

<https://dutchdesigndaily.com/stories/cell-buddies/>

Testkammer

<https://testkammer.com/2026/03/17/cell-buddies-2025>

Stop Motion Magazine

<https://stopmotionmagazine.com/cell-buddies-stop-motion-film/>

Indy Film Library

<https://indyfilmlibrary.com/2025/12/10/cel-maatjes-cell-buddies-2025-4-stars/>

Complete overview Festival selections Cell Buddies 2026 (May 2026)

Albania

- Anifest Rozafa | **WINNER: BEST ANIMATION AWARD**
- KO:SH FILM FEST | Official Selection

Australia

- Heart of Gold International Short Film Festival | Official Selection
- Heart of Gold international Short Film Festival – On Tour | Official Selection
- Heathcote Film Festival | Official Selection

Austria

- YOUKI International Youth Media Festival | Official Selection

Belgium

- Young Filmmakers Festival | Official Selection

Brazil

- All That Moves | **WINNER BEST STUDENT ANIMATION AWARD**
- Animarte | Official Selection
- Corujinha FICBC | Official Selection
- Il Itaicine - Festival Internacional de Animação | Official Selection

Bulgaria

- Against the Flow IFF | Official Selection
- Meetings of Young European Cinema | Official Selection

China

- Macau International Short Film Festival | Official Selection

Colombia

- Ciclos Shorts Fest | Official Selection
- FIAFEST Comsabana | Official Selection

Croatia

- Star Film Festival | Official Selection

Czechia

- Animanie | Official Selection
- Triofilm | Official Selection
- Zlin Film Festival | Official Selection

Egypt

- Apedemak Sudan International Animation Filmfest | Official Selection

France

- **Court mais Bon | Official Selection**
- **Festival du film d'animation Pour la jeunesse | Official Selection**
- **Filmoramax X Bellecour | Official Selection**

Georgia

- **Animation Screenings Film Festival StripedTail | WINNER: BEST FAMILY ANIMATION AWARD**

Germany

- **AFAQ International Film Festival | Official Selection**
- **Cinemare Kiel | WINNER: AUDIENCE AWARD**
- **Filmfest Dresden | GOLDEN PONY AUDIENCE AWARD (Kids programme)**
- **Filmfest Düsseldorf | WINNER: AUDIENCE AWARD**
- **Grenzland Filmtage | Official Selection**
- **Independent Days Karlsruhe | Official Selection**
- **Interfilm Berlin | Official Selection Eject the long night of Weird Shorts**
- **Kurzfilm Festival Hamburg Mo & Friese | Official Selection**
- **Open Eyes Filmfest Marburg | Official Selection**
- **Schlingel International Film Festival | Official Selection**
- **Too Drunk to Watch Punk Film Festival | WINNER: ANIMATION PUNK AWARD**

Greece

- **Chaniartoon | Official Selection**
- **Chania International Film Festival | Official Selection**

Iceland

- **Northern Lights Fantastic Film Festival | Official Selection**

India

- **Chambal International Film Festival | Official Selection**
- **Haryana International Film Festival | Official Selection**
- **Imagination International Film Festival | WINNER: BEST STUDENT ANIMATION AWARD**
- **JIFF (Jaipur International Film Festival) | Official Selection**
- **Yellowstone International Film Festival | Official Selection**

Indonesia

- **Waini Animation Festival | Official Selection**

Ireland

- **Clones Film Festival | Official Selection**

Italy

- **Fernando di Leo Short Film Festival | Official Selection**
- **I Corti dei Fabbri | Honourable Mention (Young Director)**
- **Lunatico! Short Film Contest | Finalist**
- **PIFF Pinerolo Film Festival | Award Nominee**
- **Short Out | Official Selection**
- **Torino Underground Cinefest | Official Selection**
- **Visioni Verticali | Official Selection**
- **Tre Independenti | Official Selection**

Kazakhstan

- **Almaty Anifest | Official Selection**

Malta

- **Gozo International Film Festival | Official Selection**
- **Medezfest | Official Selection**

Mexico

- **AnimAura | Honourable Mention & Award Nominee**
- **CutOut Fest | Official Selection**
- **Festival Internacional de Cine Animal y Ambiental | WINNER: BEST ANIMAL ANIMATION AWARD**
- **Festival Internacional de Cine de Orizaba (F.I.C.O.) | Honourable Mention & Award Nominee**
- **Mirada Corta Short Film Festival | Semi-Finalist**
- **Stop Motion MX | Official Selection**
- **Stuff MX Film Festival | Official Selection**

Morocco

- **Tangier Film Festival | Official Selection**

Nepal

- **Nepal Cultural International Film Festival | Official Selection**

Netherlands

- **Indy Film Library | WINNER: BEST FILM & BEST EDITING**
- **Kaboom Animation Festival | Official Selection**
- **Koo(rts) Film Festival | WINNER: AUDIENCE AWARD**
- **Leiden International Film Festival (LIFF) | Official Selection**

- Twente Short | Official Selection
- Go Goes Short | Official Selection
- Zuidelijk Film Festival | Talent Award Nominee

North Macedonia

- Asterfest Film Festival | Official Selection

Norway

- I-CAN Int. Cartoon and Animation Festival | Official Selection

Peru

- International Animation Festival AJAYU | Official Selection

Poland

- Ars Independent Film Festival | Official Selection
- Zoom Zblizenia | Official Selection

Portugal

- Animapix | Official Selection
- Caminhos Film Festival | Official Selection
- Monstra Lisbon Animation Festival | Official Selection

Puerto Rico

- Lusca Fantastic Film Fest | Official Selection

Romania

- ABlFF Animation Bucharest International Film Festival | Official Selection
- Mangalia Youth Film Festival | WINNER: BEST ANIMATION AWARD
- Stop Cadru International Film Festival | Official Selection

Slovenia

- Student Cuts | Official Selection
- ZEBRA International Animation Film Festival | Official Selection

Spain

- Navarra Film Festival | Official Selection
- Prime the Animation! New Talent Festival | Official Selection
- Zinetxiki Zinemaldi | Official Selection
- Festival Cortos Rodinia | Official Selection

Taiwan

- **Kuandu International Animation Festival | Official Selection**

Tanzania

- **Tanzanite International Animation Festival | Official Selection**

Thailand

- **Lumina Film Festival | WINNER: REEL LAUGHS AWARD**

Tunisia

- **Cinetoile | Official Selection**

Türkiye

- **Golden Baklava Film Academy Int. Student Film Festival | 1st PRIZE WINNER ANIMATION**

UK

- **Between the Blue and the Green Film Festival | WINNER: BEST CHILDREN SHORT AWARD**
- **Bradford International Film Festival | Honourable Mention & Award Nominee**
- **Brighton Rocks Film Festival | Honourable Mention**
- **Buntingford Shorts | Official Selection**
- **Chester Animation Festival | WINNER: AUDIENCE AWARD**
- **Cinewyre | Official Selection**
- **Coventry Phoenix Film Festival | Award Nominee**
- **Crossing the Screen - Eastbourne Int. Film Festival | Official Selection**
- **Earls Court International Film Festival | WINNER: BEST ANIMATION AWARD**
- **Harrogate Film Festival | Official Selection**
- **Lytham International Film Festival | WINNER: BEST ANIMATION AWARD**
- **Membrana Film Festival | Official Selection**
- **Napier Student Film Festival (Scotland) | WINNER: BEST ANIMATION AWARD**
- **Oxford Shorts – WINNER: BEST ANIMATION**
- **Starling Film Festival | Official Selection**
- **Sustain Film Festival | Award Nominee**
- **The Bay International Film Festival | Finalist**
- **ZINEZILLA X ANIMINSPO FESTIVAL | Official Selection**

Ukraine

- **Max Sir International Film Fest | WINNER: BEST ANIMATION AWARD**

USA

- Allentown Film Festival | Official Selection
- Columbus International Film & Animation Festival | Official Selection
- Key West Florida Film Festival | Award Nominee (Best Student Filmmaker)
- Language in Motion Film Festival (LiMFest) | WINNER: BEST ANIMATION AWARD
- Lynchburg Film Festival | Official Selection
- Mesa International Film Festival | Official Selection
- Mosaic World Film Festival | Official Selection
- Oil Valley Film Festival | Official Selection
- Open World Animation Festival | Official Selection
- Poulsbo Film Festival | Official Selection
- Red Cedar Film Festival | Official Selection
- Scorpiusfest | WINNER BEST ANIMATION AWARD
- Skiptown Playhouse Int. Film Festival | Official Selection
- Stream or Die Film Festival | Official Selection
- Savoy Lumiere | Official Selection
- Tampa Animation Festival | Official Selection
- The Comedy Film Festival | WINNER BEST INTERNATIONAL SHORT
- The Lake County Film Festival | Official Selection
- The West Kortright Film Festival | WINNER: BEST ANIMATION AWARD
- Twelve Lions Film Festival | Official Selection
- Unspooled Film & Animation Festival | Official Selection
- UrbanFest 360° Orlando | WINNER: BEST ANIMATION AWARD
- Utah Film Festival | Award Nominee
- Vermont Animation Festival | Official Selection
- Wicked Realm Film Festival | Official Selection
- Wyoming International Film Festival | Official Selection