



My own Sparks

a film by Melle Windig

Logline

A young forest dweller is forced to sacrifice everything he loves to satisfy an ever consuming monster.

Synopsis

A young forest dweller is trapped in a heartbreaking cycle: a demanding, ever-consuming monster forces him to give up the things he loves most to satisfy its bottomless appetite. Each concession chips away at his sense of self and his home, pushing him to a breaking point.



Key Creative Credits

Production Sint Joost School of Art & Design

Direction & Animation Melle Windig

Set & Puppet Fabrication Melle Windig

Original Music & Sound Design Hassan Ali

3D Visual Effects Stijn Windig

Director's Note

We all face monsters in our lives whether they take the form of toxic habits, paralyzing fears, or the crushing, invisible weight of external expectations. They are insatiable, constantly demanding more of our time, our energy, and our passions until we feel entirely hollowed out.

With *My Own Sparks*, I wanted to explore that quiet, suffocating cycle through the tactile medium of stop motion animation. By building a rich, handcrafted forest world, the film physicalizes an internal struggle: the painful experience of chipping away at your own identity just to keep an overwhelming force at peace. It is a story born from a question so many of us eventually have to ask ourselves when pushed to a breaking point: How much can you give up before there is nothing left?

Ultimately, this film is an atmospheric and deeply personal reflection on autonomy. Through the expressive textures and deliberate pace of stop motion, I hope to remind audiences that while these monsters often feel all-powerful, they only hold the power we choose to surrender to them. Your future, and your spark, belong to you alone.



Technical Specifications

Year	2026
Project Type	Stop Motion Animation
Genre	Atmospheric Drama / Children / Fantasy
Language	No dialogue
Country of Production	Netherlands
Shooting Format	Digital 4K
Aspect Ratio	16:9
Audio Format	Stereo
Run Time	5 minutes

Director Biography



Melle Windig is an independent stop-motion animator and filmmaker based in the Netherlands. He graduated from the St. Joost School of Art & Design in 2026 with a deep commitment to tactile, handcrafted storytelling. Melle focuses on constructing rich, atmospheric worlds that physicalize complex internal struggles.

His previous collaborative short animation project, *Cell Buddies* (Celmaatjes), achieved international festival acclaim with screenings at over 150 film festivals in 44 countries. Among its 24 awards, it won the Audience Golden Pony Award at Filmfest Dresden, a Runner-Up Special Mention from the children's jury at the Mo & Friese Junges Kurzfilm Festival in Hamburg, and First Prize Animation at the 10th Golden Baklava Film Academy Festival.

With *My Own Sparks*, Melle refines his signature approach to stop motion, utilizing intricate texture and evocative visual metaphors to tell resonant stories about individual autonomy and the human condition.

Melle will continue his studies with a Master of Animation in 2026/2027

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