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**FRUITS OF CLOUDS, animated film by Kateřina Karhánková  
wins a top award at the Cinekid Festival in Amsterdam**

**Kateřina Karhánková's animated film *Fruits of Clouds* (Czechia, 2017, 10 min) won the Best European Short Animation award at the Cinekid Festival for children films, TV programming, and media. The closing ceremony of the 31<sup>st</sup> edition of the festival took place on Friday, October 27, 2017.**

The competition section for short films included no less than four Czech films: along with the winner the films *First Snow* (dir. Lenka Ivančíková), *House* (dir. Veronika Zacharová), and *Awaker* (dir. Filip Diviak). The feature drama *Little Harbour* by director Iveta Grófová, which this year celebrated success at Berlinale winning the Crystal Bear in the Generations Kplus section, was presented at the festival out of competition.

*Fruits of Clouds* is a tale about a small animal, which by tackling the unknown makes a big discovery. The film's director Kateřina Karhánková wrote the script and Alžběta Skálová designed the art. The 10-minute picture was produced by MasterFilm (Tomáš Michálek, Dagmar Sedláčková) in co-production with FAMU, the Prague film school, with financial support from the Czech State Cinematography Fund. The short film has traveled already to a number of international film festivals including the prestigious Annecy International Animated Film Festival where it was selected for the short film section for children.

**Synopsis:**

*Furry lives on a clearing surrounded by dark woods with a pack of animal friends. Their only food are rarely appearing orange seeds which change into large glowing fruit after touching the ground. Furry's friends are afraid to venture into the scary woods, but he is bored with the endless waiting for the next batch of seeds to appear and is ready to explore what the woods are hiding.*

**Presentation of Czech producers at Cinekid for Professionals**

The festival organizes an important industry event **Cinekid for Professionals**, a four-day program which is the largest such event in the world with the focus on children films and TV series. Every year, professionals come to attend from nearly 40 countries. A part of the program, Junior Co-Production Market, presents this year 12 film and 8 television projects seeking coproduction partners from around the world.

**Czech Film Center**, which has collaborated with the festival and the industry program for several years in the area of consultations, has this year become the event's partner. This collaboration allows for the presentation of the Czech Republic on the local coproduction film market as an attractive partner in production for children and youth, and provides assistance for the participation of Czech professionals – producers experienced in co-productions and focused on creating films for children and youth. The goal is to initiate closer collaboration in this area and support the inclusion of Czechia in production of quality children films, which would also enrich the experience for majority productions at home and open new possibilities for partnerships and financing in this area. The two participating Czech producers, who both have experience in production for children and film co-productions, are Petr Oukropec (Negativ – films *Blue Tiger*, *In Your Dreams!*), and Martin Vandas (Maur Film – series *Fimfarum*, *One Night in a City*, *The Tree*, *Superbia*, a.o.)

Film stills from *Fruits of Clouds* can be downloaded at <http://www.filmcenter.cz/cs/press>

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