

**ANIMATION FIRST
FIAF FESTIVAL
FEB 2 – 4, 2018
PRESS HIGHLIGHTS**



Animation First: Press Quotes

"A phenomenal new animation festival is coming in February!" —**Red Tricycle**

"FIAF *Animation First* brings a French flair to NYC!" —**Time Out Kids**

"If you love animation you must attend the French Institute Alliance Française's Animation festival. I've seen most of the features and they are awesome!" —**Unseen Films**

"With special events, 3D screenings, and even cartoons for adults, the festival has something for everyone!" —**StageBuddy**

"Vive FIAF's First-Ever French Animation Festival! The who's who of the French animation world graced the red carpet at the French Institute Alliance Française's (FIAF) Florence Gould Hall this past weekend!" —**Zeal NYC**

"Animation ... can be complex, deal in adult themes, and utilize the fine-art aesthetics of sculpture, collage, pastel, watercolor and ink. The films I was lucky enough to see at *Animation First* were all of this and more! ... I'm hoping *Animation First* becomes an annual event. French animation has a long and incredible history, and it's important that Americans have more opportunities to see and appreciate it!" —**Unpaid Film Critic (Blog)**

FILMS

Minuscule

"A great, great film that had the kids cheering and everyone roaring with laughter. Trust me on this, this is a film that will grab you and drag you along—all without one word of human dialog. ... I need to see this again soon because it had me awestruck!" —**Unseen Films**

"The digitally animated graphics of these tiny characters interacting, sans dialogue, is quite a sight to see. The scope of the animation is so modern and engaging we forget that we are immersed in the lives of insects and not humans." —**Zeal NYC**

"With all the grandeur of a space opera on a small scale, this allegory extols friendship, courage, resourcefulness, and love!" —**Unpaid Film Critic (Blog)**

Erotic Shorts

On *Tram*: "This animated short, absent of dialogue, is a refreshing take on female erotica."
—***Zeal NYC***

"An erotic shorts program ... celebrated ... desire, passion and pleasure. I was thrilled to see female pleasure and fantasy explored by this group of diverse films – radically defying the stereotype of the passive, submissive, dehumanized (and, sometimes, brutalized) woman that one tends to see in American films with sexual content. ... They were all worth seeing!"
—***Unpaid Film Critic (Blog)***

The Red Turtle

"Every scene is rich with detail—from the foam of breakers to the curls of the woman's free-flowing hair." —***Washington Square News***

"Quietly transformative! Loneliness and delight meet remorse and the eternal return."
—***Eye for Film***

The Day of the Crows

"Hands down one of the best animated films I've seen in the last ten years. A stunning piece of storytelling and a must see! I highly recommend the film, especially if you like the works of Studio Ghibli because this film will make you very aware that there are other filmmakers who are one-upping them." —***Unseen Films***

3D Animated Shorts

"Eye popping effects... A must see collection!" —***Unseen Films***

René Laloux: Fantastic Planet and Shorts

"René Laloux's shorts can be even stranger than his feature work and seeing them with the *Fantastic Planet* is a perfect way to spend an evening!" —***Unseen Films***

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New York Times

Celebrating French Animation with a Festival in New York
February 2, 2018

Hollywood Reporter

Animation First to Shine a Spotlight on French Animation
January 4, 2018

Konbini

Get to know Michael Dudok de Wit
February 27, 2018

Eye For Film

Drawn that way
February 7, 2018

Washington Square News

NYU Student Newspaper
'The Red Turtle' Director Discusses French Animation
February 7, 2018

Zeal NYC

Review: Vive FIAF's First-Ever French Animation Festival
February 6, 2018

Metro

*11 fun things to do in NYC
this weekend, Feb. 1–4*

February 1, 2018

IndieWire

Lineup Announcements

February 1, 2018

Animation for Adults

The AFA Podcast 95:

With Northrop Davis

February 1, 2018

StageBuddy

5 Essential Films at FIAF's

'Animation First' Festival

February 1, 2018

Film Threat

Animation First French Film Fest

Brings Erotic Shorts to NY

February 1, 2018

No Film School

Why VR is Finally Hot & Has RED

Developed its Alexa Killer? [Podcast]

February 1, 2018

Time Out New York

FIAF Animation First Festival

January 31, 2018

Unseen Films

Animation First:

The Short Film Collections

January 31, 2018

Cartoon Brew

This Weekend in NYC: Animation First,

A French Animation Festival

January 30, 2018

The Criterion Collection

[The Daily] Goings On:

Akerman, Everson, and More

January 29, 2018

French Morning

Un peu d'érotisme pour lancer le

festival du film d'animation français

du FIAF

January 29, 2018

France-Amérique

French Animation Gets a Festival

in New York

L'animation française fait son festival

à New York

January 29, 2018

Unseen Films

The Day of the Crows (2012)

FIAF's Animation First Festival

January 29, 2018

Unseen Films

Thoughts on Fantastic Planet (1973)

Animation First 2018

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NYC-Arts

Animation First

January 27, 2018

Animation World Network

WATCH: Trailer for Opening Night of Animation First in NYC

January 26, 2018

Animation Magazine

Daily News Bytes: Clips & Trailers for 'Gotham by Gaslight', 'God of War', 'gen:LOCK', & Animation First Erotica – Oh My!

January 23, 2018

Frenchly

First French Animation Festival in the U.S. Screens February 2–4 at FIAF

January 21, 2018

Red Tricycle

A Phenomenal New Animation Festival Is Coming in February

January 19, 2018

Time Out Kids

FIAF Animation First

January 18, 2018

AM New York

*Festivals in NYC: From music to beer,
there's a festival for you*

January 8, 2018

Animation World Network

*French Institute Alliance Française
Brings Animation First to NYC*

January 8, 2018

Animation for Adults

*'Animation First' French Animation
Festival Comes to New York
this February*

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*Animation First, le premier festival
d'animation francophone
aux Etats-Unis*

January 8, 2018

Unseen Films

*Nightcap : 1/8/18 : NYJFF opens
Wednesday, The First Look Fest
continues, SATURDAY CHURCH
opens Friday*

January 7, 2018