

**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***

# PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

## **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*

January 28, 2018

**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*

January 8, 2018

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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