



Marcel Jean, the new Artistic Director of the Annecy International Animation Film Festival, reveals some preliminary guidelines for 2013

Annecy 2013 will be displaying signs of change, headed up by a new Artistic Director and with screenings held in different locations due to the work being carried out at Bonlieu. This year's Festival has already started for Marcel Jean, who is confidently taking up the challenge.

Marcel Jean has unveiled a few of his artistic guidelines, including this year's guest country **Poland**, with around fifty short films set to be screened in "*a tribute to the history and vitality of Polish cinema*".

This Year's Festival will also provide an opportunity to explore other territories. Creative territories, through **Animation Off-limits**, four programmes using a number of varied techniques (experimental, video art, shadow theatre, conceptual works etc.). Festival goers will be able to discover films seen rarely or never at animation festivals, "**where we transgress the boundaries of animation to enter the vast territory of hybrid films**".

A Festival that will be shaking up old habits. More details will be revealed soon.

Marcel Jean joined the NFB in 1998 as a producer before moving to the Animation and Youth Studio. He has also worked in various functions in the film industry and publishing: film critic, writer (*Le Langage des lignes*; *Pierre Hébert, l'homme animé*) and collections director at the publishing house Les 400 Coups, animation curator at the Cinémathèque québécoise and teacher in the history and aesthetics of animation at the University of Montreal. He has made five films to date including *Vacheries* (1990) and *Écrire pour penser* (1999), and co-produced films for Georges Schwizgebel (*Jeu*), Florence Miailhe (*Conte de quartier*) and Regina Pessoa (*Tragic Story with Happy Ending*).

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