

SIGGRAPH Submissions Record High

ACM SIGGRAPH today announced that it has received a record number of submissions for the Computer Animation Festival to be held in conjunction with the 2006 edition of SIGGRAPH. The 33rd international conference and exhibition of computer graphics and interactive techniques will take place July 30 through August 3 in Boston, Mass.

The number of submissions for 2006 was up 25% from the previous year. From a field of 726 entries, the Computer Animation Festival jury selected 97 projects, including 38 student films for their exemplary use of computer-generated imagery and animation, and compelling storytelling.



"From across the globe, the word is out that the Computer Animation Festival is one of the premier venues for showcasing artistic and technical talent in the film world," says Terrence Masson, the SIGGRAPH 2006 Computer Animation Festival chair from Digital Fauxtography Inc. "The bar of excellence has risen even higher and this year's crop of accepted pieces is diverse, thought-provoking, and technically superb."

This year's Best of Show is One Rat Short, a film by Alex Weil from the U.S. The short follows a New York City rat who discovers love, danger and fate during as journey from his gritty world to the interior of a futuristic laboratory. Masson comments, "This piece immediately stood out to the Jury for many reasons. The film's emotional tone, cinematography and technical realization all melded wonderfully into a simple yet touching short film. Repeatedly, the two lead characters transfixed our gaze with extreme close-ups, and we instantly wondered what they were thinking. Our ability to clearly empathize with the main characters' desires is one of the film's single greatest achievements."

An estimated 25,000 computer graphics and interactive technology professionals from six continents are expected to descend upon Boston for SIGGRAPH 2006. Registration for the conference and exhibition is open to the public. For more information on the SIGGRAPH 2006 Computer Animation Festival, go to <http://ls.siggraph.org/t/562345/19674900/49172/0/>.