

Film composer Jan Morgenstern wins two Jerry Goldsmith Awards for "Sintel" soundtrack and song. (2011-08-01)

Úbeda, Spain – At this year's edition of the prestigious International Film Music Festival, composer Jan Morgenstern received two “Jerry Goldsmith Awards” for his work on the animation film “Sintel”. The jury awarded him in the “Best Score for an Animated Short Film” and “Best Song” categories.

Produced in the Netherlands by Blender Institute, the fantasy short film “Sintel” – directed by Colin Levy – tells the story of an unlikely friendship between an orphan girl and a young dragon. For the 15-minute movie, Morgenstern created an orchestral score that accentuates the epic tale with memorable themes and a late-romantic sonority. For the the credits song “I Move On” he collaborated with lyricist Esther Wouda and singer Helena Fix. Both the film and its soundtrack have been released under the terms of an open Creative Commons license, allowing free redistribution.

"Sintel" has been realized via crowd-funding in the Open Source community of Blender 3D artists and received financial support from the Netherlands Film Fund and the European Fund for Regional Development.

Taking place in the renaissance town of Úbeda, Andalusia, the 7th International Film Music Festival is one of the world's most renowned film music events. With a diverse range of concerts, talks and workshops, it attracts thousands of music fans and composers each year. High-profile guests in 2011 included Oscar® winner Gabriel Yared (The Lives of Others, The English Patient), Hollywood composers Christopher YOUNG (Hop, Medal of Honor) and Mark Isham (The Mechanic, Blade), as well as the festival's honorary president, Oscar®-nominated French film composer Bruno Coulais (Coraline, The Chorus).

Born in 1980, Jan Morgenstern has been working as a freelance composer for film, TV, games and advertising since 2003. His best-known works include the scores for Blender Foundation's 3D animated short films “Elephants Dream” (2006), “Big Buck Bunny” (2008) and “Sintel” (2010), each of which has successfully competed in international film festivals and accumulated more than 10 million downloads and online viewers to date. Jan Morgenstern lives and works in Lüneburg, Northern Germany.

Links:

Sintel: www.sintel.org

Jan Morgenstern: www.janmorgenstern.com

Film Music Festival Úbeda: festival.bsospirit.com

Watch Sintel in full length: www.youtube.com/watch?v=eRsGyueVLvQ&hd=1

Soundtrack download: www.wavemage.com/category/music

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