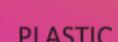
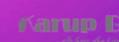


Viborg Animation Festival

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Viborg Animation Festival 2025

Viborg Animation Festival 2025 bekræftede endnu en gang, hvorfor VAF er Nordens førende animationsfestival.

Gennem fire spor – Kids, Film, Culture og Industry – bød festivalen på oplevelser, fordybelse og faglig udvikling: fra børns første møde med animation til ny inspiration for professionelle i branchen.

Med et ambitiøst filmprogram, udstillinger i verdensklasse og alsidige kulturaktiviteter var der noget for enhver smag, og det var en fornøjelse at opleve, hvordan publikum mødte talstærkt op og skabte liv og energi omkring festivalen.

Viborg Animation Festival udspringer af The Animation Workshop og Viborgs stærke kreative miljø. Som ny festivalleder er det en glæde at stå i spidsen for en festival, der både har dybe rødder og rummer et stort potentiale for at give animation en mere fremtrædende plads i kulturlivet.

Denne rapport samler de vigtigste indsatser og resultater, der kendetegnede Viborg Animation Festival 2025.

Karoline Nederby
Festivalleder

Viborg Animation Festival 2025

Viborg Animation Festival 2025 once again confirmed why VAF is the leading animation festival in the Nordic region.

Through its four tracks – Kids, Film, Culture, and Industry – the festival offered experiences, reflection, and professional development: from children's first encounter with animation to fresh inspiration for industry professionals.

With an ambitious film programme, world-class exhibitions, and a diverse range of cultural activities, there was something for everyone. It was a pleasure to witness the strong turnout and the vibrant energy the audience brought to the festival.

Viborg Animation Festival is rooted in The Animation Workshop and Viborg's thriving creative environment. As the new festival director, it is a privilege to lead a festival with both deep roots and great potential to give animation a more prominent place in cultural life.

This report highlights the key initiatives and outcomes that defined Viborg Animation Festival 2025.

Karoline Nederby
Festival director



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VAF25 i tal

VAF25 in numbers

I denne rapport giver vi et indblik i højdepunkterne og nøgletallene fra Viborg Animation Festival (VAF) 2025.

Festivalen blev muliggjort takket være støtte fra sponsorer, partnere, delegerede, gæster og medarbejdere på The Animation Workshop (TAW) / VIA University College.

I 2025 satte VAF endnu engang fokus på den danske animations- og spilbranche med et program fyldt med stærke lokale, nationale og internationale profiler, som inspirerede og engagerede publikum.

I år blev der også introduceret nye tiltag, såsom VAF x Viborg Streetfood Festival, som skabte endnu mere liv og fællesskab under festivalen.

This report provides an overview of the key highlights and figures from Viborg Animation Festival (VAF) 2025.

The festival was made possible through the support of sponsors, partners, delegates, guests and the dedicated staff at The Animation Workshop (TAW) / VIA University College.

In 2025, VAF once again spotlighted the Danish animation and games industry with a programme featuring strong local, national and international voices that inspired and engaged audiences.

This year also saw the introduction of new initiatives – including VAF x Viborg Street Food Festival – which added even more energy and community spirit to the event.

111
EVENTS

29897
BESØGENDE
VISITORS

16
LOKATIONER
VENUES



7.3K+ Følgere / Followers
62.7k+ Reach



4K Følgere / Followers
50.7k+ Reach

"Jeg kommer på VAF, fordi det er den største animationsfestival i Danmark, og fordi det er her, branchen mødes med alle talenterne – og for at se en masse fantastisk animation."

- Anne Porse Nielsen
Direktør i Producentforeningen

"I come to VAF because it is the biggest animation festival in Denmark, and this is where the industry meets all the talents – and to see a lot of amazing animation too."

- Anne Porse Nielsen
CEO at Danish Producers' Association

"Der er stor passion og kreativitet blandt de studerende og de professionelle, der kommer her i Viborg, og festivalen er en eksplosion og fejring af alt det."

- Tomm Moore,
Animationsinstruktør

"There is great passion and creativity among the students and the professionals that come here in Viborg, and the festival is just an explosion and celebration of all of that."

- Tomm Moore,
Animation Director

"Vi hører ikke kun fra dem, der står for det kunstneriske. Det handler også om det tekniske, penge, finansiering og alt det andet. Så det er hele puljen, vi får indblik i."

- Camilla Iantz
Førsteårselev på
The Animation Workshop

"We don't just hear from those responsible for the artistic side. It's also about the technical aspects, money, financing, and everything else. So we get insight into the whole picture."

- Camilla Iantz
First-year student at
The Animation Workshop

Tomm Moore

VAF ARTIST 2025

Tomm Moore – verdenskendt animator, instruktør og medstifter af Cartoon Saloon – var VAF Artist 2025! Moore deltog som ambassadør for festivalugen i en lang række aktiviteter, hvor han mødte studerende, branchefolk og publikum. Han delte generøst ud af sin erfaring gennem oplæg og samtaler og præsenterede sit prisvindende bagkatalog for festivalgæsterne.

VAF Artist er en af grundstenene i VAF's DNA. Den internationale animationsscene gennemses hvert år for at udvælge en særligt inspirerende kunstner til at blive ambassadør for festivalugen. Denne VAF Artist præsenterer sine værker og engagerer sig gennem flere events i det lokale miljø under festivalen.

Tomm Moore – world-renowned animator, director, and co-founder of Cartoon Saloon – was VAF Artist 2025! As ambassador for the festival week, Moore participated in a wide range of activities, meeting students, industry professionals, and audiences. He generously shared his experience through talks and discussions and presented his award-winning body of work to festival guests.

VAF Artist is one of the cornerstones of VAF's DNA. Each year, the international animation scene is explored to select a particularly accomplished and inspiring artist to serve as ambassador for the festival. This VAF Artist presents their works and engages in multiple events within the local community during the festival.



Udstilling

Det var under hele festivalen muligt at opleve Tomm Moores udstilling af originale værker fra sit prisvindende bagkatalog i Tinghallen.

Throughout the entire festival, it was possible to experience Tomm Moore's exhibition of original works from his award-winning feature films in Tinghallen.

Exhibition



VAF Artist Talk

Moore gav en keynote om tilblivelsen af animationsstudiet Cartoon Saloon og deltog i en Q&A-session på den lokale bar Ølluminati.

Moore gave a keynote on the making of the animation studio Cartoon Saloon and attended a Q&A session at the local bar Ølluminati.



Mødet med studerende

Tomm Moore mødte studerende og spirende talenter i løbet af ugen og holdt et oplæg under VAF Session, hvor han delte indblik i sin karriere som animationsinstruktør.

Tomm Moore met with students and emerging talents throughout the week and gave a talk at the VAF Session, sharing insights into his career as an animation director.

Meeting students



Ølluminati x Tomm Moore

Traditionen tro udviklede den lokale ølbar Ølluminati i samarbejde med årets VAF Artist tre unikke festival-øl, som kunne nydes under festivalen.

The local beer bar Ølluminati developed three unique signature beers in collaboration with this year's VAF Artist.

Tidligere VAF Artists

Previous VAF Artists



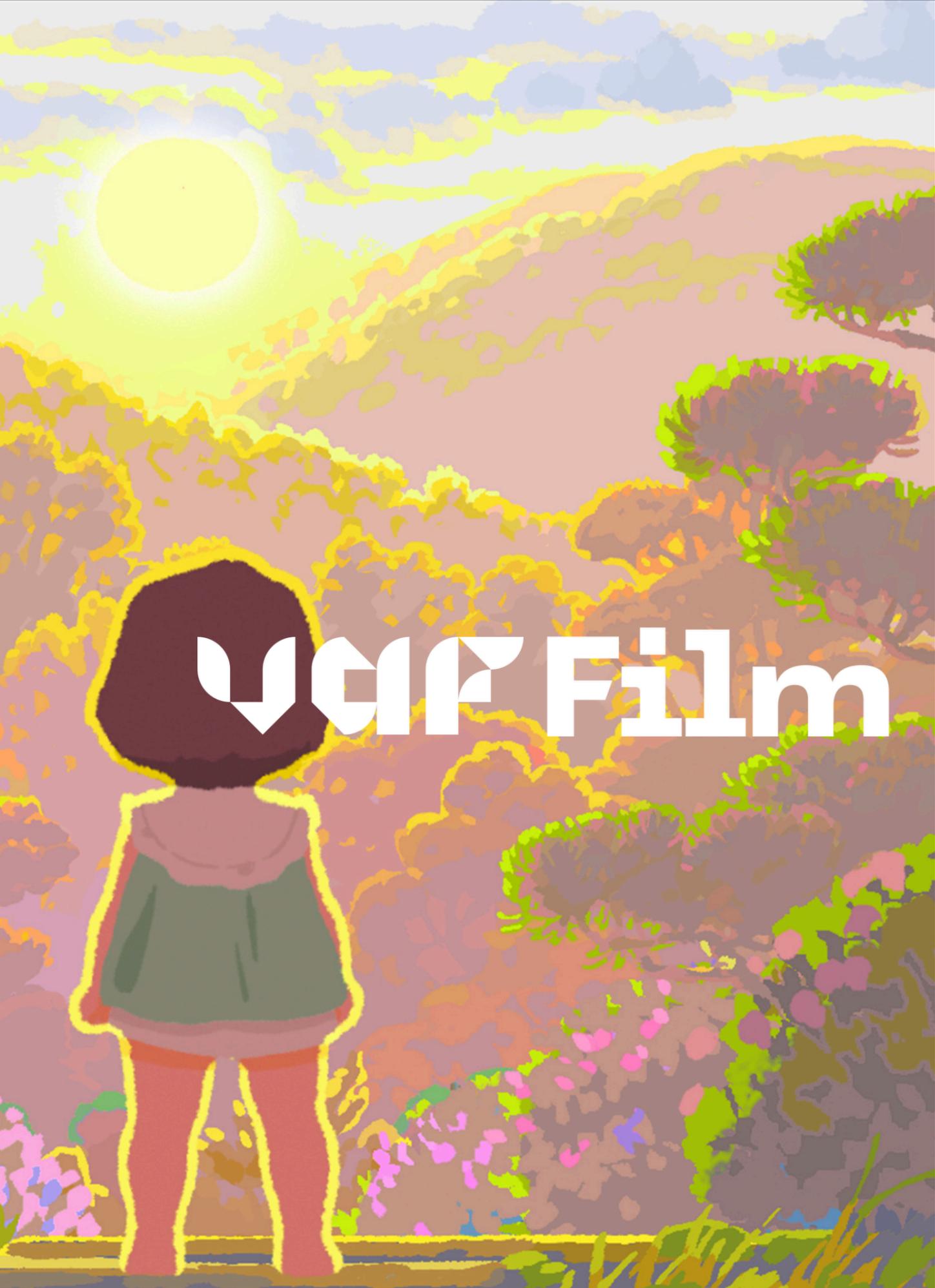
Niki Lindroth von Bahr



TOTAL REFUSAL



Sara Koppel



622

FILM SUBMISSIONS

FRA 58 LANDE
FROM 58 COUNTRIES

4636

BILLETTER
TICKETS

VENUES: NORDISK FILM BIOGRAFER VIBORG
KARUP BIO, ØLLUMINATI

20

JURYMEDLEMMER
JURY MEMBERS

FRA 9 FORSKELLIGE LANDE
FROM 9 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

VAF Film

Det ubrydelige bånd mellem animation og filmkunst hyldes hvert år hos VAF med vores filmprogrammer.

Traditionen tro inviterede VAF unge, ældre og alle derimellem på gratis tegnefilm i Nordisk Film Bio-grafer i Viborg og Karup Bio. I det hyggelige biografmørke kunne publikum opleve premierefilm hver eneste dag på festivalen samt udødelige klassikere, danske og internationale produktioner, familievenlige og eksperimenterende kortfilm. VAF Film kulminerede naturligvis i VAF Awards.

Som noget nyt i år har VAF sammen med tre partnerfestivaler initieret et nyt samarbejde; en fælles tilmeldingsportal. Dette giver filmskabere og distributører muligheden for på én gang at tilmelde deres film til et stort regionalt netværk af festivaler i Norge, Sverige, Litauen og selvfølgelig Danmark. "Vi er hos VAF utroligt stolte af dette initiativ som ikke bare viser det tætte netværk vi har festivalerne imellem, men også at vi prøver nye metoder for at give filmskabere og kunstnere en større platform og komme så bredt ud som muligt" fortalte VAF's Head of Film, Sandra Brunkow Simonsen. "Sammen med REX Animation Film Festival, Fredrikstad Animation Festival og BLON Animation and Games Festival, vil vi styrke ikke bare vores egen festival, men hele området fordi vi mener at vi sammen står langt stærkere. Vi vil styrke animationsbranchen i hele Norden og Baltikum".

Et andet nyt tiltag er VAF x Viborg Streetfood Festival, hvor tegnefilm vises på storskærm under åben himmel. Her kunne man i år se danske klassikere helt tilbage fra 1970'erne og (gen)opleve udødelige historier der ræsonnerer gennem generationer, fx "Benny's badekar", "Jungledyret Hugo" og "Ternet Ninja".

The unbreakable bond between animation and film is celebrated every year at VAF with our film programs.

True to tradition, VAF invited young and old and everyone in between to enjoy animated films at Nordisk Film Cinema in Viborg and Karup Bio. In the cozy darkness of the cinema, the audience could experience premiere screenings every single day of the festival, as well as timeless classics, Danish and international productions, and both family friendly and experimental short films. And the VAF Awards was the grand finale.

This year VAF and three partner festivals, are collaborating on a new initiative; a shared submission portal. This provides filmmakers and distributors with the opportunity to submit their films simultaneously to a large regional network of festivals in Norway, Sweden, Lithuania and, of course, Denmark. "At VAF, we are incredibly proud of this initiative, which not only demonstrates the close network between our festivals but also shows that we are exploring new ways to give filmmakers and artists a greater platform and reach a wider audience," said VAF's Head of Film, Sandra Brunkow Simonsen. "Together with REX Animation Film Festival, Fredrikstad Animation Festival, and BLON Animation and Games Festival, we aim to strengthen not only our own festival but the entire region, because we believe that together we stand much stronger. We want to strengthen the animation industry across the entire Nordic and Baltics".

Another new initiative is VAF x Viborg Streetfood Festival, where animated films are shown on a large outdoor screen. This year, visitors could watch Danish classics dating all the way back to the 1970s and (re)experience timeless stories that resonate across generations, such as "Benny's Bathtub," "The Jungle Creature: Hugo," and "Checkered Ninja."

VINDERE 2025 VAF AWARDS

VAF's filmprogram viste animationen fra sin allerbedste side med en lang række kortfilm, der emmede af potentiale og passion. Gennem årets kategorier blev publikum draget med ind i fordybende film skabt af nogle af animationens største kunstnere og talentfulde studerende fra verdens bedste animationsskoler. Ved årets VAF Awards hyldede vi disse fantastiske kunstnere ved at uddele priser for smukke, inspirerende og eksperimenterende film, som kunne opleves på det store lærred og igennem VR-brillen.

WINNERS 2025 VAF AWARDS

The film program showcased animation at its best with a wide array of short films brimming with potential and passion. Throughout this year's categories, the audience was drawn into immersive films created by some of the most accomplished artists and talented students from the best animation schools in the world. At this year's VAF Awards we celebrated these fantastic artists by presenting awards for their beautiful, inspiring, and experimental films that we have experienced both on the big screen and through VR goggles.



ANIDOX:XR Award
Fragile Home
by Ondřej Moravec, Victoria Lopukhina



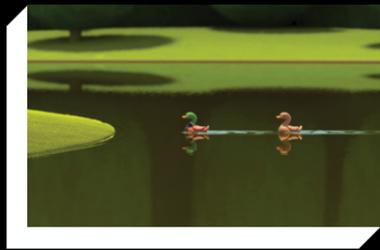
New Danish Talent Award
Service Bus
by Elmer Mikael Lodemel



Best Short
Voiceless
by Samuel Patthey



Best Graduation
My Good Boy
by Sara Priorelli



Youth Jury
Ducks
by AJ Jeffries



Diversity Film Award
Immature
by Eddy Wu



Best Experimental
This is not your Garden
Carlos Velandía, Angélica Restrepo



Pitchin' 2025 Animation for et voksent publikum

Med et dedikeret mål om at udvide horisonten for dansk animation afholdt Viborg Animation Festival i samarbejde med Danske Filminstruktører og Producentforeningen for tredje gang pitchkonkurrencen Pitchin'.

Pitchin' adskiller sig fra andre nationale pitchkonkurrencer ved at være 100% fokuseret på animation til et voksent publikum.

Forperson hos Danske Filminstruktører, Rasmus Kloster Bro, understreger, at konkurrencen skal "sikre en opblomstring af en masse gode ideer og inspiration til fremtidige danske animationsfilm og samtidig bygge netværk og nye samarbejder i branchen."

Vinderen af Pitchin' 2025, Thịnh Nguyễn, modtog 25.000kr i udviklingsstøtte til sit filmprojekt 'Bitter Melon Soup' sponsoreret af Danske Filminstruktører.

Pitchin' 2025 Animation for an adult audience

With a dedicated goal of expanding the horizons of Danish animation, Viborg Animation Festival, in collaboration with the Danish Film Directors Association and The Danish Producers Association, held the pitch competition Pitchin' for a third time.

Pitchin' stands out from other national pitch competitions by being entirely focused on animation for an adult audience.

Rasmus Kloster Bro, chairperson of the Danish Film Directors Association, emphasizes that the competition aims to "ensure a flourishing of great ideas and inspiration for future Danish animated films, while also building networks and new collaborations within the industry."

The winner of Pitchin' 2025, Thịnh Nguyễn, received DKK 25,000 in development support for the film project 'Bitter Melon Soup', sponsored by the Danish Film Directors Association.



Animation er en branche i hastig udvikling, hvor kreativitet, teknologi og samarbejde forudsætter stærke faglige fællesskaber og adgang til ny viden.

VAF Industry 2025 samlede professionelle, talenter og studerende fra animationsbranchen. Gennem talks, workshops og sociale formater fungerede branchesporet som et mødested og styrkede videndeling og samarbejde i animationsøkosystemet.

Programmet spændte bredt fra brancheanalyser, funding og eksport til kunstneriske processer, performance, real-time teknologier og nye formater for publikumsengagement.

Centrale emner som finansiering, soft skills, bæredygtighed og talentudvikling blev behandlet side om side med indsigter i international produktion, research og kunstnerisk praksis.

Samtidig skabte netværksformater, sociale events og møder på tværs af erfaringsniveau rum for relationer, videnukveksling og nye samarbejder.

Animation is a rapidly evolving industry where creativity, technology and collaboration depend on strong professional communities and access to new knowledge.

VAF Industry 2025 brought together professionals, emerging talents and students from the animation sector. Through talks, workshops and social formats, the industry track served as a hub for networking, knowledge-sharing, and strengthening collaboration across the animation ecosystem.

The programme covered a wide range of topics, from industry analysis, funding and export opportunities to artistic processes, performance, real-time technologies, and new formats for audience engagement.

Key themes such as financing, soft skills, sustainability, and talent development were explored alongside insights into international production, research, and artistic practice.

At the same time, networking events, social gatherings and cross-level meetings created space for new relationships, exchange of knowledge, and collaborative opportunities.

VAF Industry

738

AKKREDITEREDE GÆSTER
ACCREDITED GUESTS

25

INTERNATIONALE SPEAKERE
INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS



VAF Speakers

Viborg Animation Festival 2025 samlede et bredt felt af nationale og internationale speakers med solid erfaring fra branchen. Gennem talks og debatter delte de deres faglige viden og personlige erfaringer og gav publikum konkrete indsigter i aktuelle tendenser og praksisser inden for animation.

Viborg Animation Festival 2025 brought together a diverse line-up of national and international speakers with solid industry experience. Through talks and panel discussions, they shared their professional knowledge and personal insights, offering the audience concrete perspectives on current trends and practices within the field of animation.



Karoline Stjernfelt
Comic book artist



Thibaut Delahaye
Senior 3D Animator



Thorbjørn Christoffersen
Animation director



Anna Porse Nielsen
CEO at Producentforeningen



Tomm Moore
Animation director



Katrine Bjaarno
DFI



Cat Thelia
VFX Producer



Aimée de Jongh
Graphic novelist and animator



Roy Kristoffersen
Lead 3D artist at Qvisten
Animation XTND



Alex Widdowson
Animation documentary
director



Alexandre Poncet
Film director



Martina Scarpelli
Animator



Søren Fleng
Animation Producer



Daniel Callaby
Animator, VFX



Bo Juhl Nielsen
Founder & Executive Producer
at Crossroad Studio



Michelle Kranot
Director, XR



Sunit Parekh
Founder of Hydralab



Kasper Kruse
Head of The Animation
Workshop



Peter Fischer
Co-founder of Khora



Sascha Altschuler
Game Artist



Mygh & Husballe
Concept artists



Hope Devlin Kristiansen
Producer at Sun Creature



Kay Sales
Animator



Henrik Sønniksen
2D Animator



Animating 'FLOW' med lead animator Thibaut Delahaye
 Animating "FLOW" with lead animator Thibaut Delahaye



Funding Animation in Denmark - Anna Porse
 (Producentforeningen), Bo Juhl (Crossroad), Katrine Bjaarno
 (DFI)



The making of Cartoon Saloon med Tomm Moore
 The making of Cartoon Saloon with Tomm Moore



VAF Sessions med Karoline Stjernfelt
 VAF Sessions with Karoline Stjernfelt



Pitchin' 2025



Netværksarrangement
 Networking

Creative Viborg afholdte i år Game Days under Viborg Animation Festival. Game Days bestod af fire events, der hver især havde hver deres fokus og målgruppe.

Creative Viborg held Game Days this year as part of the Viborg Animation Festival. Game Days consisted of four events, each with its own focus and target audience.

GAME DAYS

"Game Days under VAF 2025 har været særdeles vellykkede set fra Creative Viborgs perspektiv, og vores ambition om at samle uddannelsesaktører og branche i dialog om fremtiden for den danske spilbranche lykkedes fuldt ud. Vi er både stolte og glade for den overvældende positive feedback på arrangementerne. Vi har skabt nye, stærke partnerskaber med vigtige aktører, som kan danne grobund for fremtidige arrangementer og projekter. Weekendens Game Jams skabte gode deltageroplevelser, men var også solide prototyper, som vi kan bygge videre på i de kommende år. Alt i alt har VAF været et fantastisk event med professionelle rammer og god tilslutning, så vi glæder os til 2026."

- Marie Burski
Chef for Creative Viborg og Arsenalet

"From Creative Viborg's perspective, the Game Days during VAF 2025 were a great success. Our ambition to bring together educational institutions and industry professionals in a dialogue about the future of the Danish games industry was fully achieved. We are both proud and grateful for the overwhelmingly positive feedback on the events. We have established new, strong partnerships with key stakeholders, which can form a solid foundation for future events and projects. The weekend's Game Jams offered engaging participant experiences, while also resulting in solid prototypes that we can further develop in the years to come. All in all, VAF was a fantastic event with a professional setup and strong attendance, and we are already looking forward to 2026."

- Marie Burski
Head of Creative Viborg and Arsenalet



Education/Industry Summit

En konference afholdt i samarbejde med Games Denmark, målrettet ledere i spilbranchen samt uddannelsesinstitutioner, der uddanner til denne branche. Gennem talks, paneldebat og workshops mødtes branche og uddannelse om spørgsmålet: hvordan sikrer vi fødekæden og udklækning af morgendagens talenter inden for digitale spil?

A conference held in collaboration with Games Denmark, aimed at leaders in the games industry as well as educational institutions training students for this sector. Through talks, panel discussions and workshops, industry and education came together to explore a central question: how do we secure the talent pipeline and foster the next generation of digital games professionals?

CAVE Conference

En faglig konference med fokus på visuel spiludvikling, hvor målgruppen er danske professionelle samt studerende, der er på vej ind i spilbranchen.

A professional conference focusing on visual game development, targeting Danish professionals as well as students preparing to enter the games industry.

Coffee, Cake & LEGO® Fortnite

En borgerrettet workshop afholdt i samarbejde med LEGO, Epic Games og Games Denmark.

Coffee, Cake & LEGO Fortnite var en éndags game jam-oplevelse designet til forældre-barn teams (9-14 år), hvor de sammen udforskede kreativitet, spildesign og historiefortælling ved hjælp af LEGO-klodser og Unreal Editor for Fortnite.

A public-facing workshop held in collaboration with LEGO, Epic Games and Games Denmark. Coffee, Cake & LEGO Fortnite was a one-day game jam experience designed for parent-child teams (ages 9-14), where participants explored creativity, game design and storytelling together using LEGO bricks and the Unreal Editor for Fortnite.

Game Jam Students & Young Professionals

Deltagere fra forskellige fagområder - herunder kunst, animation, spildesign og programmering - blev sat sammen i tværfaglige teams og skabte digitale spil i løbet af en weekend.

Game jammet bød på faglig sparring fra mentorer i branchen, en temabaseret udfordring præsenteret ved kickoff, og en afsluttende præsentation, hvor en professionel jury kårede en vinder.

Participants from across disciplines - including art, animation, game design and programming - were teamed up to create digital games over one weekend.

The jam included mentoring by industry professionals, a themed challenge revealed at kickoff, and concluded with a jury selecting the winning game.



VAF Culture

This is my Life: Kim Larsen tribute

Arrangeret i samarbejde med Unesco Creative City Viborg

Arranged in collaboration with Unesco Creative City Viborg

Foto: Mathias Lynsgø

Viborgs borgere og besøgende kunne under Viborg Animation Festival samle sig om et væld af kreative og kulturelle oplevelser.

Siden 2019 har Viborg haft titlen som UNESCO Creative City inden for Media Arts – en position, der fremhæver byens styrke inden for animation og visuel kreativitet. Denne status giver festivalen ambitioner om at bringe kunst og kreative oplevelser ud til hele Viborg Kommune.

Disse ambitioner kommer tydeligt til udtryk i VAF Culture-sporet. Her kunne festivalgæster opleve et bredt udvalg af events og visuel kreativitet. Kunst, VR, spil, lysshows, kreative workshops og andre visuelle oplevelser – til glæde for både lokale og tilrejsende.

Samarbejdet VAF x Viborg Streetfood Festival så også dagens lys. Her kunne festivalgæster opleve open air-filmvisninger, deltage i kreative workshops inspireret af filmenes univers og nyde god mad samtidig.

Streetfood-området blev et nyt samlingspunkt for publikum med animation, kreativitet og fællesskab som omdrejningspunkt.

Viborg's residents and visitors were able to come together during Viborg Animation Festival to enjoy a wide range of creative and cultural experiences.

Since 2019, Viborg has held the title of UNESCO Creative City in Media Arts – a recognition that highlights the city's strength in animation and visual creativity. This status fuels the festival's ambition to bring art and creative experiences to the entire Viborg Municipality.

These ambitions are clearly reflected in the VAF Culture programme, where festival visitors could experience a wide range of events and visual creativity. Art, VR, games, light shows, creative workshops and other visual experiences were offered for the enjoyment of both locals and visitors.

The collaboration VAF x Viborg Street Food Festival also debuted this year, featuring open-air film screenings, creative workshops inspired by the films, and a variety of delicious food options.

The street food area became a new gathering point for audiences, with animation, creativity and community at its core.



VAF x Viborg Streetfood Festival

I samarbejde med Mad & Kultur
In collaboration with Mad & Kultur



ANIDOX:XR Udstilling
ANIDOX:XR Exhibition



Koncert med MUMLE
Conert with MUMLE



UNESCO Creative City Viborg
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Susanne Ahrenkiel isskulptur
Susanne Ahrenkiel ice sculpture



Visuel, kreativ elevforestilling på Viborg
Katedralskoles mure
Visual, creative student performance on the
walls of Viborg Katedralskole



This is my Life: Kim Larsen hyldestkoncert på
Viborg Katedralskole
This is my Life: Kim Larsen Tribute concert at
Viborg Katedralskole



VAF Kids

VAF KIDS formidler animation i børnehøjde med fokus på skaberglæde, fortælling og aktiv deltagelse

VAF KIDS giver børn og unge mulighed for at møde animation på en åben, legende og inkluderende måde. Gennem workshops, filmoplevelser og kreative aktiviteter skaber festivalen nysgerrighed og forståelse for animation som fortælleform og inviterer børn til selv at være aktive deltagere frem for blot publikum.

Aktiviteterne har fokus på at styrke børns kreative skabertrang, visuelle sprog og lyst til at udtrykke sig. Gennem arbejde med animation i børnehøjde opnår børn erfaring med fortælling, samarbejde og kreativ problemløsning, hvilket understøtter en langsigtet interesse for kreative og audiovisuelle udtryksformer.

Børneområdet udgør dermed en væsentlig del af festivalens samlede indsats og bidrager til at skabe varige relationer mellem børn og animationskulturen.

" [...] Når børn arbejder med animation, sker en interaktion mellem refleksion, fantasi, kreative fysiske fremstillinger og skærmbrug. Børnene tager udgangspunkt i deres verden og giver liv til netop deres forestillinger. "

*- Hanne Pedersen
Projektleder ved Animated Learning Lab*

VAF KIDS presents animation in a child-friendly way, focusing on creativity, storytelling, and active participation

VAF KIDS gives children and young people the chance to engage with animation in an open, playful, and inclusive way. Through workshops, film screenings, and creative activities, the festival sparks curiosity and fosters an understanding of animation as a form of storytelling – inviting children to be active participants rather than just an audience.

The activities are designed to nurture children's creative drive, strengthen their visual language, and build confidence in expressing themselves. By working with animation on their own level, children gain valuable experience with storytelling, collaboration, and creative problem-solving – helping to inspire a lasting interest in artistic and audiovisual forms of expression.

The children's programme is therefore an essential part of the festival's overall mission and helps to build meaningful and lasting connections between young audiences and the world of animation.

" [...] When children work with animation, there an interaction occurs between reflection, imagination, creative physical representations and screen use. The children reference their world and bring life to their imagination. "

*- Hanne Pedersen
Project manager at Animated learning Lab*





Den store tegnevæg
The big drawing wall



Junglevæg-workshop inspireret af Jungledyret Hugo
Jungle wall workshop inspired by "The Jungle Creature: Hugo"



ANIMATEKET - Visuel kreativitet i Sct. Mathias Centret
ANIMATEKET - Visual creativity for kids at Sct. Mathias Centret



Kreativ workshop under VAF x Viborg Streetfood Festival
Creative workshop during VAF x Viborg Streetfood Festival



Open air screening af tegnefilm
Open air screening of animated films



ANIMATEKET - Stop motion workshop for børn i Sct. Mathias Centret
ANIMATEKET - Stop motion workshop for kids at Sct. Mathias Centret