

# Love, Dad

a film by Diana Cam Van Nguyen



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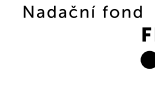


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She finds letters full of love her dad wrote her 15 years ago...

## Synopsis

A short film about ties and gaps between a child and a parent.

The author rediscovers letters her dad used to write her from prison. That love seems to be gone now. She decides to write back in hope to find the connection again.

She puts in writing what could not be said: blaming him for family's break-up but also trying to understand.



*“We are enormously impressed by this powerful piece of work, which touchingly blends the mesmerizing richness of its visual texture, the emotional burden of a deeply personal story, and a raging stance on the issue of cultural identity.”*

Eddie Bertozzi  
Head of Pardi di domani  
Locarno Film Festival





English title: Love, Dad

Original title: Milý tati

Year of production: 2021

Duration: 12:46 min

Country of origin: Czechia & Slovakia

Genre: Animation, Documentary, Experimental

Techniques: 2D computer, Rotoscope, Live action, Stop motion (cutout)

Screening format: DCP 4K

Sound: 5.1 surround

Aspect ratio: 16:9

Language: Czech with English subtitles







trailer *here*



Director: Diana Cam Van Nguyen

Script-writers: Diana Cam Van Nguyen, Lukáš Janičík

Cinematography: Kryštof Melka, Matěj Piňos

Editor: Lukáš Janičík

Sound and music: Viera Marinová

Art direction: Diana Cam Van Nguyen, Darjan Hardi

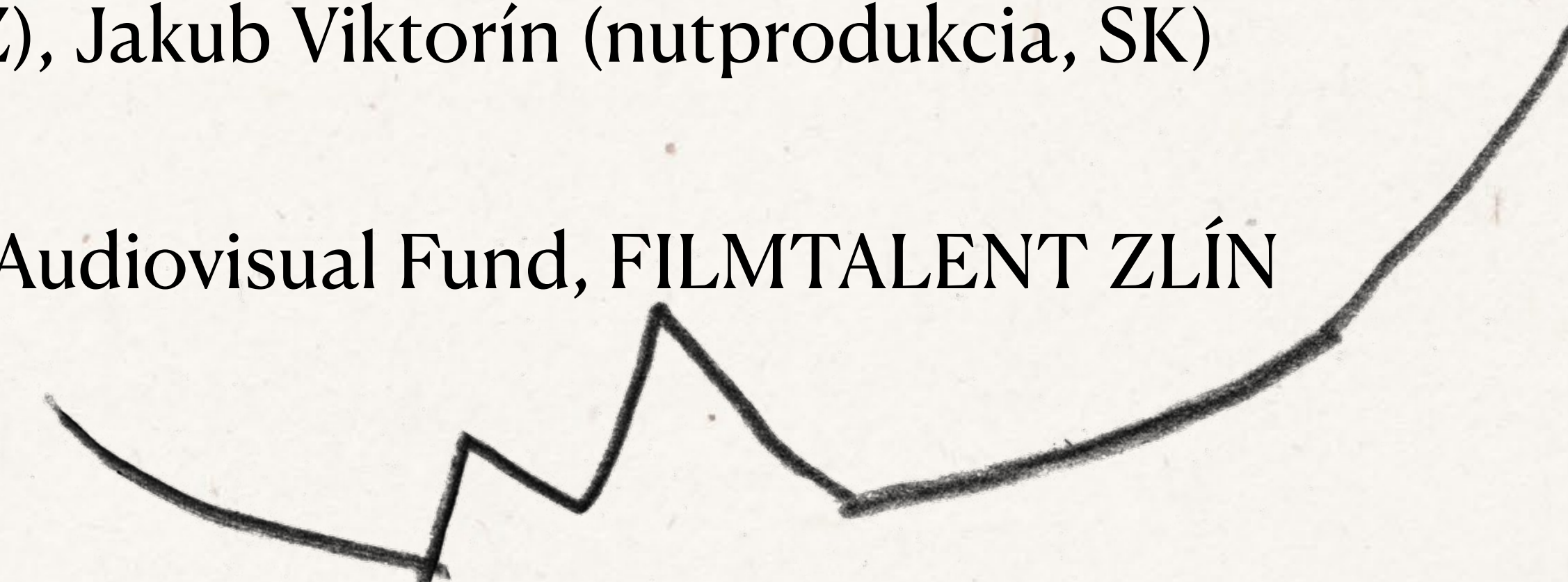
Animation: Barbora Halířová, David Štumpf, Diana Cam Van Nguyen, Vojtěch Domlátil

Starring: Linh Duong, Hong Nhung The Thi, Hoai Trung Le

Producer: Karolína Davidová (13ka)

Co-producers: Tomáš Šimon (FAMU, CZ), Jakub Viktorín (nutprodukcia, SK)

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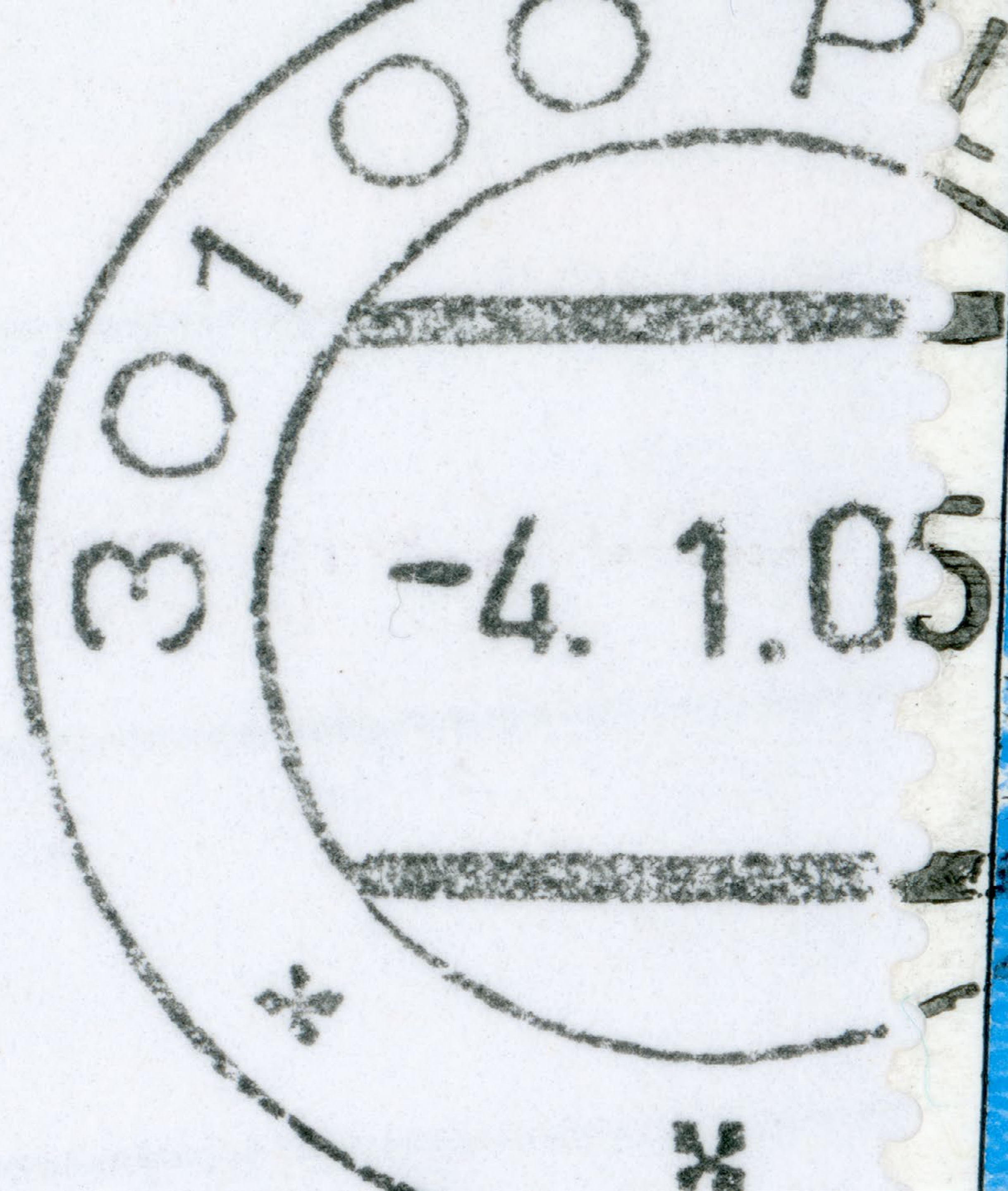




...k si tím  
nejlepším pořádkem  
si zatím budeme  
Pokud mi sdělí,  
budeš s maminkou  
Bych nezapoměl  
zprávu: Je tu  
písmu a podívej  
jakýchkoliv lidí, má  
povahu člověka. Ukaz  
Podíval se na Tvé písmo, s  
aniž bych mu o Tobě cokoliv  
toto. "Tvá dcera je zodpovědná  
by se říci velmi nadaná, je  
smysl pro pořádek a smysl  
dotáhnou vše do zdárného  
je poklad"... Udělal mi tím  
vše co mi pověděl je prát  
píšu. I maminka mi napí  
píše, že Ti to ve škole  
s Tebe radost a je  
Tímak tady taká ko







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*Žpívající lípa  
v Telecim*

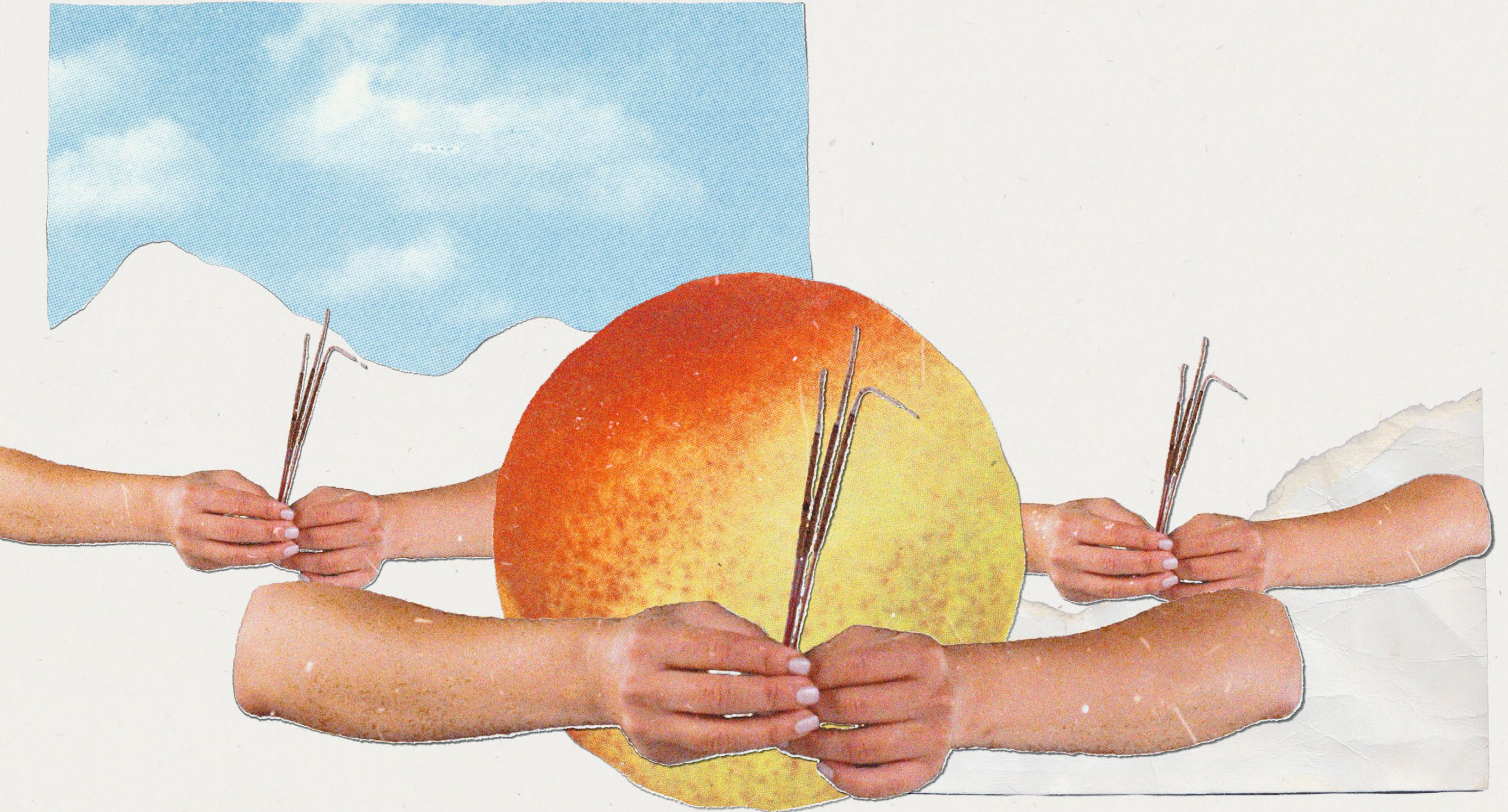














Diana Cam Van Nguyen  
director, writer, animator

Filmography:

*The Little One* (2017)

*Apart* (2018)

*Love, Dad* (2021)



Diana Cam Van Nguyen (\*1993, Czech Republic) is a Czech-Vietnamese director based in Prague. She did internships in Birmingham and Lyon and participated as artist in residence in Vienna MuseumQuartier.

Her bachelor film *Malá / The Little One* (2017) won several awards at festivals and competed for ECFA Doc Award at Berlinale 2019. Her next short film *Spolu sami / Apart* (2018) internationally premiered at IFF Rotterdam 2019 in the section Voices shorts, competed at Annecy, BFI London Film Festival and was a finalist for BAFTA Student Film Award 2019.

She graduated from FAMU. Her latest short *Love, Dad* (2021) was nominated for Best Short Film in European Film Awards 2022, won BFI Short Film Award, and Clermont-Ferrand Connexion Award and has been awarded at the Academy Qualifying festivals. In her works, she focuses on personal topics through the means of animated documentaries, currently developing a live-action / animation feature.



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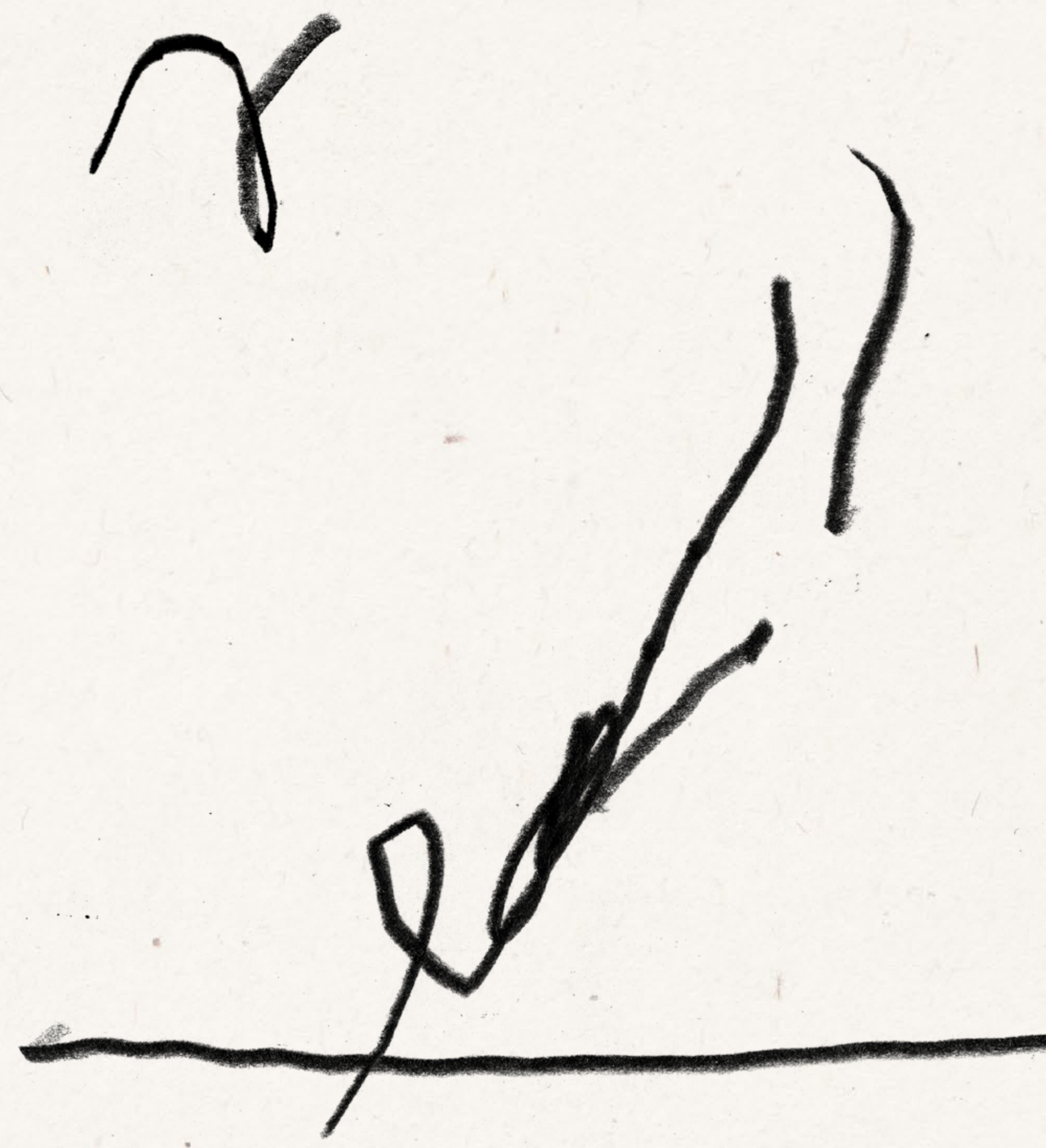
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Director's statement:

Love, Dad is an animated documentary about losing connection with my father and me trying to win it back. In the past, me and my dad were separated by prison bars, these days we are separated again, but emotionally this time.

When I was 11 years old, he wrote to me letters from prison that were full of love. I grew up, our relationship changed and such acts of love seem to disappear. I am sorry for the distance between us. Now, 15 years later I am answering to dad's letters from prison, addressing his deeds that made our family break up at the end and trying to understand him.

The film is built around voice-over presenting letters of both—me and my dad. The image plays with the material of the letters and those „tie-gap“ symbolics. It also reflects how I feel through the family history again. Through this film I am rediscovering dad's love for me.

Diana Cam Van Nguyen



# Awards:

European Film Awards 2022—*Nomination for Best Short Film*  
BFI London Film Festival 2021 (GBR)—*Best Short Film*  
TIFF 2021 (CAN) - *Honorable mention—IMDbPro Short Cuts Share Her Journey Awards for best by a female filmmaker*  
AFI FEST 2021 (USA) - *Grand Jury Award—Short Film Competition*  
Clermont-Ferrand Short Film Festival 2022 (FRA)—*Festivals Connexion Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Award*  
Montréal Festival du nouveau cinéma (FNC / (CAN) —*Best Animated Film—Competition of experimental films*  
Seattle International Film Festival (USA)—*Grand Jury Prize - Short Film Competition*  
Krakow Film Festival (POL)—*Jury Award for the Best European Film (Krakow Candidate to the European Film Award 2022 in the short film category), SILVER DRAGON for the best animated film, FICC Jury Special Mention*  
CILECT PRIZE —*Best Student Documentary*  
DOK Leipzig 2021 (DEU)—*Best Short—Competition for the Audience Award Short Documentary and Animated Film*  
Flickerfest International Short Film Festival (AU)—*Flickerfest Award for Best Documentary Short Film*  
Palm Springs International ShortFest (USA)—*Special Mention for Best Student Documentary Short*  
Nashville Film Festival (USA)—*Grand Jury Prize Documentary Short—Documentary Short*  
Bucheon International Animation Festival /BIAF/ (KR)—*Special Distinction Prize—International Competition*  
ZINEBI (ESP) - *Audience Award—International Competition*  
Glasgow Short Film Festival (GBR)—*Audience Award—International Competition*  
FILMFEST DRESDEN (DEU)—*Audience Award—International Competition*  
REGARD (CA)—*Special Mention—Documentary Shorts*  
PÖFF Black Nights Film Festival (EST)—*Best Student Film—International Shorts competition*  
Ji.hlava IDFF (CZE)—*Best sound—Czech Joy competition*  
Anifilm (CZE)—*Best Czech and Best Student Film*  
River Film Festival (ITA)—*Best Animation Short*  
The Norwegian Short Film Festival (NOR)—*Honorable Mention*  
Film Fest Gent (BEL) - *Special Mention—International Short Film Competition*  
Huesca International Film Festival (ESP)—*Special Mention—Documentary Short Film Contest*  
Leiden Shorts (NL)—*Special Mention—Student Competition*  
Salem Film Fest (USA)—*Best Short Award—International Competition*  
Salute Your Shorts Film Festival (USA)—*Best Documentary*  
Puerto Rico Film Festival (PR) - *Best International Short Animation*  
Silhouette (FRA)—*Honorable Mention*  
Animasyros International Animation Festival (GRC)—*Special Mention—International Student Competition*  
Stop Motion our fest (ARG)—*Best Documentary Animated Short*  
First Crossings (SLO)—*Best Short Film*  
RISING OF LUSITANIA AnimaDoc Film Festival (USA)—*Special mention*  
Festival International du Court Métrage de Lille (FRA)—*First International Award*  
Dětský filmový a televizní festival Oty Hofmana (CZE)—*Best Film*





Encounters Short Film & Animation Festival (GBR)—*Grand Prix Animation*  
StopTrik IFF (POL)—*Grand Prix Borderlands + Łódź Audience Borderlands Award + Łódź Students Borderlands Special*  
Nashville Film Festival (USA)—*Grand Jury Prize Documentary Short*  
Linz International Short Film Festival (DEU)—*Best Documentary*  
Bolton Film Festival 2022 (GBR)—*Best Animation*  
Un Festival C'est Trop Court (FRA)—*Mention to the Primo / Med In Docs Award (Documentary Award)*  
ANIMAPHIX (ITA)—*Special Mention*  
FRONTDOC - International Documentary Festival (ITA)—*Best Animation Documentary Award*  
Sweaty Eyeball Animation Festival (USA)—*Golden Eyeball (Grand Prize)*  
doxs! dokumentarfilme für kinder und jugendliche (DEU)—*Grosse Klappe*  
SPICY INDIE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (GRC)—*Best International Student Film Award*  
Kyiv IFF Molodist—*Best Student Film*





# Festivals:



## OFFICIAL SELECTION

Locarno Film Festival 2021 (CHE) — *Pardi Di Domani*  
IDFA (NL) — *Best of Fests*  
Telluride Film Festival (USA) — *Student Prints*  
Sarajevo Film Festival (BIH) — *European Shorts*  
Premiers Plans (FRA) — *Animated Films Category*  
Ottawa International Animation festival 2021 (CAN) — *World Panorama*  
Tampere Film Festival (FIN) — *International Competition*  
Tirana International Film Festival (ALB) — *Animation Competition*  
Hamptons International Film Festival (USA) — *Documentary Shorts Competition*  
Encounters Short Film & Animation Festival (UK) — *International Competition*  
Uppsala Short Film Festival (FIN) — *International Competition*  
Docaviv (ISR) — *Shorts Competition*  
Leeds International Film Festival (UK) — *Competition Documentary*  
Cinequest Film Festivals (USA) — *International Competition*  
Indy Shorts International Film Festival (USA) — *Official Selection*  
Vilnius International Film Festival (LIT) — *Short Film Competition*  
Go Short (NL) — *Student Competition*  
San Francisco International Film Festival (USA) — *Official Selection*  
Manhattan Short (USA) — *International Competition*  
Animateka (SLO) — *Main Competition*  
MakeDox Festival (MKD) — *Student Competitive Program*  
Curta Cinema (BRA) — *International Competition*  
HollyShorts Film Festival (USA) — *Official Selection*  
ZagrebDox (CRO) — *International Competition*  
IN THE PALACE (BUL) — *Official Selection*  
TRICKY WOMEN/TRICKY REALITIES (AUT) — *The Exploring Realities*  
GLAS Animation Festival (USA) — *Official Competition*  
Kaohsiung Film Festival (TWN) — *International Short Film Competition*  
Hong Kong International Film Festival (HKG) — *Official Competition*  
Minimalen Short Film Festival (NOR) — *International Competition*  
New Chitose Airport International Animation Festival 2021 (JPN) — *International Competition*  
Kaboom Animation Festival (NL) — *Short Docs Competition*  
Movies that Matter (NL) — *Short Film Competition*  
SHORTS MÉXICO (MEX) — *International Animation Shorts Competition*  
Animatricks (FIN) — *Documentary Competition*

Psarokokalo Festival (GRC) — *Official Competition*  
Interaction: Short Docs Festival (SRB) — *Official Selection*  
FIGARI INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FEST (ITA) — *Official Competition*  
Cinema Jove (ESP) — *Short Films Competition*  
KUKI 15th Young Short Film Festival Berlin (GER) — *special program Girls\* Riot! 16+*  
Fest Anča (SVK) — *Competition of Student Short Animated Films*  
Zlín Film Fest (CZE) — *Student Competition*  
Balkanima (SRB) — *Student Competition*  
CinEast — Central and Eastern European Film Festival (LUX) — *Short Documentary Films*  
REX Animation Film Festival (SWE) — *Rex Animation Audience Award*  
Festival du Film Court de Villeurbanne (FRA) — *Animation Competition*  
Ennesimo Film Festival (ITA) — *Official Selection*  
Festival du Film de Fontenay-le-Comte (FRA) — *Competition*  
Festival International du Court Métrage de Lille (FRA) — *Compétition Nationale*  
Int. Shortfilm Week Regensburg (DEU) — *International Competition*  
FICBUEU (ESP) — *International Competition*  
Documentarist Istanbul Documentary Days (TUR) — *AnimaDoc Section*  
Rooftop Films (USA) — *Documentary Short*  
Seoul Indie-AniFest (KOR) — *Asian Competition*  
Anibar (XXK) — *Student Competition*  
Mecal Pro, the Barcelona International Short and Animation Festival (ESP) — *Oblique Animation*  
BANJALUKA (BIH) — *Main Competition*  
Bolton Film Festival 2022 (UK) — *International Competition*  
Linz International Short Film Festival (AU) — *International Competition*  
ANIMAPHIX (ITA) — *Official Competition—Anidoc*  
StopTrik IFF (SLO, POL) — *Borderlands Competition*  
ELBE DOCK (CZE) — *Cena Pavla Kouteckého*  
Busho (HUN) — *Official Selection*  
Neisse Film Festival (DEU) — *International Competition*  
MUFF'22 (ESP) — *Schools of Films*  
Piccolo Festival dell'Animazione (ITA) — *Competition*  
San Giò Verona Video Festival (ITA) — *Official Selection*  
Imaginaria Animated Film Festival (ITA) — *Main Competition*  
Un Festival C'est Trop Court (FRA) — *Animated Competition*  
FilmFestival Cottbus (GER) — *programme Woman in Socialism*  
Turku Animated Film Festival (FIN) — *Out-Of-Competition programmes*  
Fantoche (CHE) — *Panorama Programme*  
ReFrame Film Festival (CAN) — *Out-Of-Competition*  
JEF festival (BEL) — *Out-Of-Competition*  
Leuven Short Film Festival (BEL) — *Out-Of-Competition*





CASFFA (AUS)—*Out-Of-Competition*  
Docio (USA)—*Out-Of-Competition*  
Anima (BEL)—*Out-Of-Competition*  
ANIMAC (ESP)—*Animated Docs*  
Festival Travelling (FRA)—*Out-Of-Competition*  
Trolleywood Animation Film Festival (SWE)—*Out-Of-Competition*  
Format Court (FRA)—*Out-Of-Competition*  
this human world (AUT)—*Out-Of-Competition*  
The Ici Vietnam Festival (FR)—*Out-Of-Competition*  
Braunschweig International Film Festival—*Official Competition*  
FilmFestival Cottbus—*programme Woman in Socialism*  
Filmschoolfest Munich  
Film Festival Du grain—*Out-Of-Competition*  
Saigon Experimental Film Festival—*Out-Of-Competition*  
BITBANG Festival 2022 (ARG)—*International Animated School Short Film Competition*  
Seville Films Festival (ESP)—*Non Competitive Program*  
Cinanima(PRT)—*Grand Panorama CINANIMA 2022*  
Escales Documentaires (FRA)—*Out of Competition*  
DOC NYC (USA)—*Shorts Competition*  
Still Voices Short Film Festival (IRL)—*Animated Short Films Competition*  
KUKI 15th Young Short Film Festival Berlin (DEU)—*Special Program Girls\* Riot! 16+.*  
Feinaki (CHN)—*Main Competition Program*  
Short Film Festival Cologne (DEU)  
« FEMMES » festival (FRA)  
Rencontres Films Femmes Méditerranée (FRA)  
Beirut Shorts 2022 (LBN)—*Official Selection*  
International Education Film Festival (FIFE) (FRA)—*Short and Medium-length Films Competition*  
Int. Kortfilmfestival Leuven (BEL)—*EFA Awards Program*  
Festival on Wheels (TUR)—*Out of Competition*  
Olympia International Film Festival for Children and Young People (GRC)  
ZUBROFFKA (POL)—*EASTWARD WINDOW Competition*  
ANIMAKOM FEST (ESP)—*Students Competition*

