

Love Birds



Love Birds is a short film that sees humans acting as birds. It was shot in the spring of 2010 in Prague, Czech Republic. The film was written and directed by Brian Lye and shot by Yana Rits. It was produced at FAMU, the Czech Republic national film and television academy. The film was shot with just 15 minutes of 35mm material. Its official premiere took place in September 2010 in Sydney Australia at a small festival called Primavera Film Festival, where it won first prize. Since then it has been travelling to film festivals throughout the world.

Synopsis:

A male and female bird meet and fall in love. All is happy in their nest until their love is tested and fate comes knocking.

Trailer : <http://vimeo.com/22953420>

Website: www.brianlye.com (director's website)

Awards:

Best Film, The Golden Tomato, Primavera Film Festival 2010

The Ellen, Filmmaker to Watch Award, Aspen Shortsfest 2011

Director's Choice Best Comedy and Best Actor in a Comedy, Rincon International Film Festival 2011

Festival History for Love Birds:

Upcoming:

Seattle International Film Festival 2011, Official Selection

Brussels International Short Film Festival 2011, Out of Competition

Curtocircuito, Spain 2011, Official Selection

Los Angeles Film Festival 2011, Official Selection

Rooftop Film Festival 2011, NYC, Official Selection

Past:

Sundance Film Festival 2011, Official Selection

Apen Shortsfest 2011, USA, Official Selection

Nashville International Film Festival 2011, USA, Official Selection

Florida Film Festival 2011, USA, Official Selection

Go Short Film Festival, 2011, Njimegen, The Netherlands, Official Competition Student Category

Rincon International Film Festival 2011, Puerto Rico, Official Selection

Rooftop Film Festival 2011, New York City, Official Selection

Flatpack Festival 2011, Birmingham, UK, Official Selection

FEC Cambrils-Reus Short Film Festival 2011, Spain, Official Selection

Vancouver International Film Festival 2010 , Official Selection

Syracuse International Film Festival 2010, Official Selection

Primavera Film Festival 2010, Sydney Australia, Official Selection, Winner First Prize

Cast:

Maja Kovac
Bedrich Levy
Jiri Suchy
Karel Zima

Crew:

Writer/Director - Brian Lye www.brianlye.com
Cinematographer - Yana Rits www.yanarits.com
Production Design - Jana Hauskrechtova
Producer - Yana Rits, Tomas Hruby
Executive Producer - David Havas/FAMU www.famu.cz
Composer - R.Shiraz/Adam Teeling <http://radio3.cbc.ca/#/bands/R-SHIRAZ>
Editor - Michal Reich and Brian Lye
1st Assistant Director – Jose Pablo Torrescano
1st A.C. – Ales Nemecek
Focus Puller – Jan Jirak
Sound Mix/Design Bara Hovorkova
Sound Recordist – Jose Martinez
Design Assistant – Waimar Nyunt
Makeup Artist – Lucie Dvorakova
Production Assistant – Kristyna Hnevsova
Production Assistant – Thomas Laurence
Production Assistant – Zachary Epcar
Driver – Stepan Stepanska
Driver – Petr Hupak

Interview with Wendy Dallian for the Vancouver Observer

<http://www.vancouverobserver.com/tags/brian-lye>

Review by Kevin Kern for the Syracuse International Film Festival 2010:

Love Birds is a fanciful film about the hardships of trying to maintain a relationship. Set amidst the sweeping Czech countryside, we are brought to focus on the nest of two humanoid birds. We see their relationship grow from courting, to egg laying-and the dedication that such a love must entail to work. Once our duo appears to be at their happiest (both sexually and domestically), an outsider who ruffles his bright colored feathers threatens the stasis of the nest. This posits an interesting question to our veritable "mother hen"-is there better out there than the one I love? As we begin to see the age-old questions of love, loyalty, and worth ring through the minds of those on screen, a surprising twist of fate forces us all to realize that we need to better appreciate the time we have with those we share it with. Due to nudity and a bit of graphic violence, parental supervision is strongly encouraged.

Director's Bio:

Brian Lye was born in Vancouver, Canada in 1980. His love for filmmaking grew when making skateboard movies with his friends in high school. He has worked, studied, and shot in Canada, Japan, Uganda, Australia (where he attended *Sydney Film School*), and the Czech Republic (where he attended *FAMU* as a guest student).

As a filmmaker he uses imagination and humour to reflect on his life experiences. Aside from filmmaking he enjoys all sorts of creative play, spending time in nature and also on his skateboard. He is a co-founder of the Uganda Skateboard Union.

Director's Filmography:

- Taipei Taxi**, 2011 (Documentary, Director) Independent
 - will Premiere at the Worldwide Short Film Festival 2011, Toronto, Canada
- Carry Me Home**, 2011 (Short Film/Writer Director), Secret Film Society/Independent
 - 2010 Primavera Film Festival, Official Selection
- Love Birds**, 2010 (Short Film/Writer Director), FAMU
 - 2011 Sundance Film Festival, Official Selection
 - 2011 Apen Shortsfest, USA
 - 2011 Nashville International Film Festival, USA
 - 2011 Florida Film Festival, USA
 - 2011 Rincon International Film Festival, Puerto Rico
 - 2011 Rooftop Film Festival, New York City
 - 2011 Flatpack Festival, Birmingham, UK
 - 2011 Brussels International Short Film Festival, Belgium
 - 2011 International Short Film Festival Santiago de Compostela, Curtocircuito
 - 2011 FEC Cambrils-Reus, Official Selection
 - 2010 Vancouver International Film Festival, Official Selection
 - 2010 Syracuse International Film Festival, Official Selection
 - 2010 Primavera Film Festival, Winner Best Film
- Mr. Hector Dudley**, 2008 (Short Documentary/Director), Sydney Film School
 - 2010 Sand Fly Short Film Festival, Official Selection
 - 2009 Viva Leichhardt Film Festival, Winner Best Film
 - 2009 Global Chinese University Film Festival in Hong Kong, screened in International Student Forum
 - 2008/09 Museum of Sydney, 3 month screening as part of the exhibition 'Tails Of The City.'
- Look At Them Run, Why Are They Running?** 2008 (Short Film/Writer Director), Sydney Film School
 - 2009 Viva Leichhardt Film Festival, Official Selection
- Miguel Kawasaki**, 2008 (Short Film/Writer Director), Sydney Film School
 - 2009 Dungog Film Festival, Official Selection

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