

Balkan Animation Pitching Forum - Open Call

This year, 2020, **Thessaloniki Animation Festival** (TAF) is introducing its very own **Balkan Animation Pitching Forum** (BAF)!

Eager to share our passion and encourage the exchange of ideas, as well as create new collaborations, we invite artists from the Balkan region to present their work and meet with experts from the field of animation.

To their advantage, the artists selected will have the chance to attend a training session on pitch development. What's more, the top 3 winning pitches will enjoy private mentoring sessions on script and production issues conducted by well respected animation industry experts.

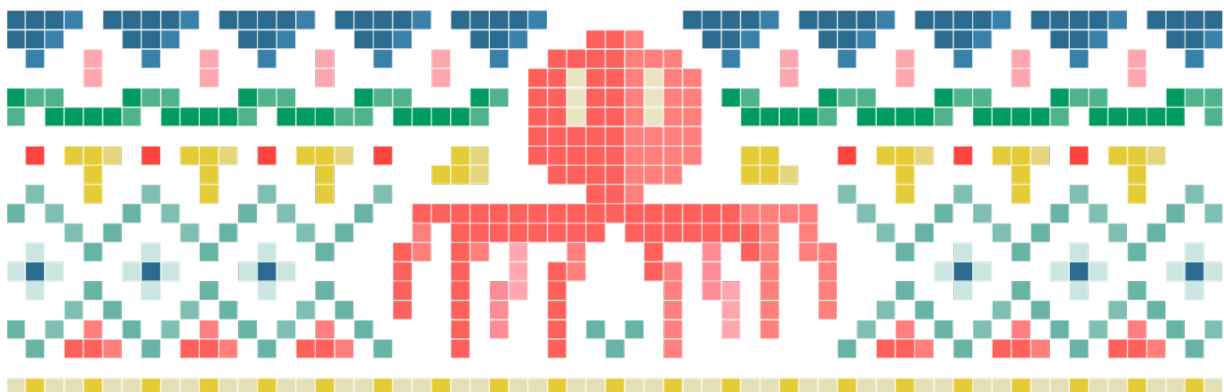
Last but not least, **TAF** is giving away a brand new "Oculus Quest" VR all-in-one headset for the best pitch!

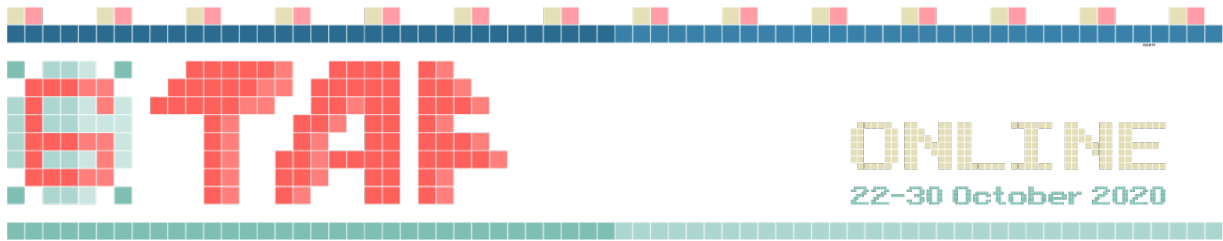
Balkan Animation Forum will be held during TAF from the **22nd to the 30th of October 2020**. Defying all boundaries, the Forum will be conducted **online, via Zoom**, giving everyone the chance to attend and participate.

Each one of the selected finalists will have up to **10 minutes to pitch their project in English**, to an **INTERNATIONAL JURY** consisting of animation professionals. Through the Pitching Forum process, the committee will select the 3 winning projects considering both quality and performance.

If you wish to apply for **B.A.F.** submit your project by the 15th of September to **submissions@tafestival.gr**. All your project information should be included in a **single PDF file**, which must **not exceed the size of 1GB**.

You will find specific guidelines and Terms in the second file attached.





6th Thessaloniki Animation Festival - TAF

Thessaloniki Animation Festival, is back for the 6th consecutive year, hosted by ADDART, in collaboration with the Municipality of Thessaloniki and the Department of Tourism.

Just like every year, our aim is to share our love for the art of animation and expand our audience making this festival a unique experience. We will be presenting exclusive content from international festivals, special guests from the Balkan region, as well as multiple happenings.

Join us for a full 7-day animation event, from the **22nd to the 30th of October 2020!**

What is new this year?

This year TAF will be held virtually, due to Covid19 pandemic. Like every year, all screenings, workshops and masterclasses, will be free of charge for everyone. However, there will be a limit of 500 people per screening.

Moreover, for its 6th edition, TAF will be launching its first Pitching Forum, intended for animation projects from the Balkan countries.

More information will be available soon through TAF's website. You can also follow us on social media so you do not miss a thing. Stay tuned!



We are looking forward to hearing from you and we will be thrilled to have you on board! Please, do not hesitate to contact us for any concern or additional information.

Best regards,
TAF team