

A Film By
Kaspar Jancis

CAPTAIN MORTEN

AND THE
SPIDER
QUEEN™

**Ireland's First Stop Motion Animated Feature Film
to be launched at the Cannes Film Festival.**

Captain Morten And The Spider Queen a film animated in stop motion and coproduced by Telegael in Ireland, Nukufilm in Estonia, Grid in Belgium and Calon in Wales will be launched at a market screening at the Cannes Film Festival in May 2018. The film will also be screened at the Annecy International Animated Film Festival and the Zagreb World Festival of Animated Film in June.

With a budget of €10 million the film has been six years in the making. It is the first film to be animated in stop-motion in Ireland and the most expensive film to be made by an Estonian film producer. It tells the story of a boy who builds a toy boat only to find himself sailing in it together with a crew of insects.

The all Irish cast includes, Brendan Gleeson, Pauline McLynn, Ciaran Hinds and Michael McElhatton as well as stand up comedians Jason Byrne, Tommy Tiernan and Neil Delamere.

The film is the brainchild of Kaspar Jancis, winner of the Cartoon D'Or for his short film "Krokodil". Jancis is a writer, musician and animator and this is his first feature film. To put himself in the right frame of mind he roughed out the storyboard on a boat from Rotterdam to the Antarctic. He disembarked at Tristan da Cunha by which time he had finished the storyboard.

"We are delighted that 'Captain Morten and the Spider Queen' will be the first stop motion animated feature produced in Ireland" says Telegael CEO, Paul Cummins. "It is a terrific story played out with amazing characters and stunning visuals and features an all Irish cast. The film is bursting with fun and adventure with some comedy thrown in as well. We are looking forward to seeing Captain Morten and his crew inspire, entertain and engage audiences around the world."

"It's quirky and original", says Producer Robin Lyons of Calon, "but at the same time it's most definitely a family film. It's a rites of passage film with some fantasy twists and imaginative visual elements. It's moving, it's adventurous and at times it's very funny."

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Captain Morten And The Spider Queen is being sold worldwide by Sola Media. It will be released in French cinemas in the Autumn by Septième Factory. You can view the trailer at: <https://www.telegael.com/blog-1/2018/5/4/captain-morten-nd-the-spider-queen-official-trailer>

About Telegael

Multi-Emmy Award-winning Telegael is one of Ireland's leading film, television and animation studios which produces live action and animation content for the global market. Based in An Spidéal, Galway, the Telegael group employs up to 350 people annually on a range of film and television productions.

Telegael has established a strong reputation internationally as a developer, financier and producer of content for the international market. The studio has co-produced in excess of 1,000 hours of film and television programming and its projects have been distributed to over 150 territories and translated into more than 50 languages. Broadcasters include Disney, Netflix, NBC Universal, BBC, ITV, Discovery, Cartoon Network, Nickelodeon, ZDF, Channel 5, KiKa, France3, TF1, SuperRTL, HBO, ABC, Seven (Aus), RAI, YLE, Acorn.

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