CINÉTÉ, FABRIQUE FANTASTIQUE AND CURIOUS WOLF PRESENT

MIND MY MIND

A FILM BY FLOOR ADAMS
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LOGLINE

When relying on social scripts to survive the social world, it’s not easy to go off-script. Especially if you’re obsessed with German dive bombers and just want to date a girl.

BRIEF SYNOPSIS

Chris, a man with Asperger’s syndrome camouflages his obsession with dive bombers, together with Hans, who lives in his head and prepares his social scripts. When zoologist Gwen invites Chris to meet her favourite chameleon, he expeditiously moves ahead with a flirt script. Then the chameleon dies and Gwen turns to Chris for support.

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

BIOGRAPHY

Floor Adams (1980) is based in Nijmegen, The Netherlands. She has been an independent animator and illustrator since 2005, when she graduated cum laude at the department of Fine Arts at the ArtEZ Institute of the Arts. She also studied animation at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts Ghent (KASK) in the Erasmus program. Previously, she was employed as an art therapist in psychiatry and worked with mentally disabled people. She created commissioned works for public broadcasting, MTV, the Government of the Netherlands, publishers and documentary filmmakers. Her art was on display in museums, galleries and at film festivals. For a long time, she taught animation and was a member of several creative advice committees. For the past six years, she worked on Mind My Mind.
**FILMOGRAPHY**

2019  Mind My Mind
2011  24 Preschoolers (*24 Kleuters*)
      MIEP
2010  Tokyo Hoover
2009  Buddy Seat (48 Hour Film Project)
2008  Snow White (*Sneeuwwitje*)
      The Frog Prince (*De kikkerkoning*)
      Hansel and Gretel (*Hans en Grietje*)
      The Wolf and the Seven Young Kids (*De wolf en de 7 geitjes*)
      Little Red Riding Hood (*Roodkapje*)

**DIRECTOR’S STATEMENT**

Mind My Mind is a film about how having a brain that is wired differently affects your social life, and particularly your love life. Flirting, sex and romantic relationships are very challenging for people with Asperger’s syndrome, as they are associated with thousands of unwritten rules and exceptions.

The idea for this film is a result of my professional and personal experiences with people with different forms of autism.

Chris, the main character, deals with his social and emotional limitations together with Hans, a little guy who lives inside Chris’s head and who serves as an information processor. In his own unique way, Hans tries to help Chris survive the social jungle, with sensory overload as their mutual enemy.

Mind My Mind offers insight into the autistic mind: an abstract world for most people. The 2D hand-drawn animation, changing colour schemes, expressive lighting, dynamic pacing and original score add to this experience.

It is a hopeful and optimistic film that encourages people to be patient with each other. It reminds us that if you don’t judge people too quickly, you might find something beautiful inside their heads.
ABOUT THE PRODUCERS

CINÉTÉ

CinéTé is a Dutch film production company that specializes in short animation. Their best-known film is *Father and Daughter* (Michael Dudok de Wit, 2000), which won 30 international awards including, in 2001, The Oscar for Best Short Animation. CinéTé was also involved in shorts made by Paul Driessen, Evert de Beijer and Börge Ring amongst others. Driving force and founder of CinéTé is Willem Thijssen. Since 2014 Nancy Fornoville assists him.

FABRIQUE FANTASTIQUE

Fabrique Fantastique is a Flemish animation & production studio run by Tom Van Gestel.

FESTIVALS AND AWARDS

ANIMA – Brussels Animation Film Festival 2019 (Belgium):
WINNER Audience Award for Best Short Film

Go Short International Short Film Festival 2019 (The Netherlands):
WINNER Audience Award

Tribeca Film Festival 2019 (New York, USA):
International Shorts competition (“Animated Shorts Curated by Whoopi G”)

Stuttgart Festival of Animated Film 2019 (Germany):
WINNER SWR Audience Award

Norwegian Short Film Festival 2019 (Grimstad, Norway):
International Competition

Anima Mundi Festival 2019 (Brasil):
International Competition
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**ENDORSEMENTS**

“’Mind My Mind’ is a highly original animation that portrays the experience of an autistic young man as he navigates starting a romantic relationship and coping with the challenges of conversation and social interaction. The film has a beautiful message: be yourself, and celebrate the many positive qualities of being autistic. The animation team are to be congratulated for their insight into how to convey what goes on inside the mind of an autistic person during everyday decision-making, including dealing with the stresses that arise from ambiguity and sensory overload. It is encouraging that autistic viewers themselves have endorsed this film as a way of helping others to understand their experience.”

– Professor Simon Baron-Cohen  
Director, Autism Research Centre, Cambridge University

“’Mind My Mind’ offers us a way to literally see and experience how autism characteristics play their role in flirting, romantic relationships and sexuality. The movie is not only visually and auditory appealing; it offers a realistic insight in how social, communicative and sensory aspects related to autism influence interactions in daily lives, in a positive and respectful way. I think this movie can help the general and professional community to get a better understanding of adolescents and adults with autism and encourage autistic people to share how they experience the world, sexuality and relationships. I recommend this movie for everyone. Note for the sensory sensitive people among us: there is some overstimulation experienced and expressed in the movie. Be prepared.”

– Dr. Jeroen Dewinter  
Clinical psychologist and researcher, GGzE & Tilburg University

“Honestly, the most true to life depiction of high functioning autism I’ve seen in animation or any other popular media to date. Watching this movie gave me the feeling it wasn’t created out of awareness but out of a deep understanding of the subject matter. The people who made this movie cared. I couldn’t have asked for more. A must watch.”

– Niels Verhofstad  
experience expert
THE TEAM

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY    Floor Adams

PRODUCED BY    Willem Thijsen, Tom Van Gestel, Floor Adams

WITH THE VOICES OF    Simon Hodges, Cézanne Tegelberg, Adam Fields, Faye Bloomfield, Lesley Hughes, Elias Vervecken

ANIMATION    Nancy Bens, Juan de Graaf, Carl van Isacker, Elie Klimis, Peter Wassink, Tim Trenson

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ORIGINAL MUSIC PRODUCED BY    Peter Johan Nijland, Frank Boeijen

MUSIC SUPERVISOR    Dennis Pasveer

CREATIVE CONSULTANT    Ellen Meske

STORY CONSULTANTS    Floor van Lissa, Mieke de Jong

CLEAN-UP    Nancy Bens, Carl van Isacker, Paul De Blieck, Elie Klimis, Juan de Graaf, Tim Trenson, Peter Wassink

PRODUCTION DESIGN / BACKGROUNDS    Floor Adams

PAINT ARTISTS    Thomas Adams, Damiët Anijs, Annemie Buytaert, Esther van Casteren, Mirjam van Casteren, Micha van Dooren, Brechje Geutjes, Maik Hagens, Daan Mulder, Johanneke de Ridder, Isaac Sandoval, Kevin Vonk

PAINT AND SHADOW FX ARTISTS    Eugène Arts, Kim van Engelen, Sanne Hellinga, Inti Mego, Bart van Seters, Zaou Vaughan

FINAL CHECK PAINT    Hanne Geeraert, Michaël Koning, Johanneke de Ridder
TRAINNEES  Emma De Bleser, Kelly De Boelpaep, Tina de Groot, Tim Verhaegen

COMPOSITING  Maik Hagens, Johanneke de Ridder

LIGHTING  Dennis Pasveer

TRANSLATION DIALOGUES  Wilco van Eijk

CASTING AND RECORDING STUDIO  INCasting

RECORDING ENGINEER  Lee M. Ross

ADDITIONAL RECORDING  Gonzo

RECORDING ENGINEER  Hans Tourné

AUDIO POST-PRODUCTION  Gonzo

SOUND DESIGNER  Pieter Dewierdt

FOLEY ARTIST  Elias Vervecken

FOLEY RECORDIST  Thomas De Pauw

MIX  Hans Tourné

COLOUR GRADING  Marco van Bergen

DELIVERIES  Richard Meijtjens / CineMeta

TITLE DESIGN  Eugène Arts

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Curious Wolf: Floor Adams
Fabrique Fantastique: Tom Van Gestel & Piet Winten

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