

# Animation First 2026

# Schedule

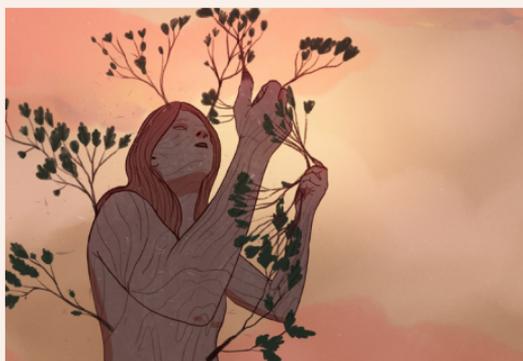
## Tue, Feb 3

	Florence Gould Theater	Tinker Auditorium
5pm		
6pm		
7pm	Feature <b>Dandelion's Odyssey</b> Q&A with Momoko Seto Ages 13+	
8pm		
9pm		Opening Night Party
10pm		
11pm		



## Wed, Feb 4

	Florence Gould Theater
6pm	
7pm	Shorts <b>New Francophone Shorts Program 1</b> Ages 15+
8pm	
9pm	Shorts <b>New Francophone Shorts: Dark After Dark</b> Mature Audiences
10pm	



## Thu, Feb 5

	Tinker Auditorium	Library 2nd Floor	Skyroom 8th Floor
5pm			
6pm		Virtual Reality Free	Professional Panel <b>Sound and Animation</b>
7pm			
8pm	Screening and Discussion <b>Animation Speak/Easy</b> Free		
9pm			

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## Fri, Feb 6

	Florence Gould Theater	Tinker Auditorium	Library 2nd Floor
5pm			Virtual Reality Free
6pm			
7pm	Feature <b>Tales from the Magic Garden</b> Ages 6+		
8pm			
9pm		Centerpiece Night Party	
10pm	Shorts <b>Best of Ancey 2025</b> Ages 15+		
11pm			

## Sat, Feb 7

	Florence Gould Theater	Skyroom 8th Floor	Library 2nd Floor	Tinker Auditorium
10am				
11am		Shorts <b>First Snow</b> Ages 3+ • Free	Virtual Reality Ages 8+ Free	Festival Lounge
12pm				
1pm				
2pm	Shorts <b>Strawberries, Snails and Slugs</b> Q&A with Sylwia Szkiłdź Ages 8+	First Look <b>Sidi Kaba and the Gateway Home</b> Free		
3pm				
4pm				
5pm	Shorts <b>The Magician of Ostend: The Films of Raoul Servais</b> Q&A with Vito Adriaenssens and Emily Ann Hoffman Ages 15+	<b>The Sound of Animation: Nicolas Becker and Momoko Seto in Discussion</b> • Free		
6pm				
7pm				
8pm	Feature <b>Allah is Not Obligated</b> Q&A with Sébastien Onomo Ages 15+			
9pm				Toast
10pm	Feature <b>Heart of Darkness</b> Mature Audiences			
11pm				

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Sun, Feb 8

	Florence Gould Theater	Skyroom 8th Floor	Library 2nd Floor	Tinker Auditorium
11am				
12pm	Shorts <b>New Francophone Shorts 3</b> Ages 15+			
1pm				
2pm	Feature <b>The Songbirds' Secret</b> Ages 5+	Shorts <b>Magnificent Puppets: The films of De Swaef and James Roels</b> - Free	<b>Virtual Reality</b> Ages 8+ Free	<b>Festival Lounge</b>
3pm				
4pm		Making of <b>The Songbirds' Secret</b> Free		
5pm				
6pm	Artist Talk <b>Animating the Surreal: A Conversation with Lavis and Szczerbowski</b>			
7pm				<b>Closing Night Party and Awards Ceremony</b>
8pm				
9pm	Feature <b>Death Does Not Exist</b> Ages 15+			
10pm				

## Family Workshops

Ages 6+

L'Alliance New York Board Room (604)

Learn the art of animation in hands-on workshops! Young animators will work with artists to bring their ideas to life in these free, family-friendly workshops.

Sat, Feb 7

11:45am–12:45pm

Animation Workshop with Momoko Seto

3:30–4:30pm

2D Animation Workshop  
with Tyler Kratz

Co-presented with The Art Studio NY

Sun, Feb 8

11am–12pm

Paper Animation Workshop  
with Samuel Ribeyron

12:30–1:30pm

Stop Motion Workshop with Tyler Kratz  
Co-presented with The Art Studio NY

## Virtual Reality Programs

**Gymnesia** Chris Lavis and Maciek Szczerbowski

**Marco & Polo Go Round** Benjamin Steiger Levine

**The Great Escape** Jorenn Vandenbroucke

**Jack & Flo** Amaury Campion

**Eddie and I** Maya Shekel



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## New Francophone Shorts 1

Wed, Feb 4 at 6:45pm

### Signal

Mathilde Parquet,  
Emma Carré, 2025

### Balconada

Iva Tokmakchieva, 2025

### The Death of a Fish

*La Mort du Poisson*  
Eva Lusbaronian, 2025

### Pantagruel

Lucia Augé, 2025

### Bread Will Walk

Alex Boya, 2025

### To the Woods

*Une fugue*  
Agnès Patron, 2025

### Hypersensitive

*Hypersensible*  
Martine Frossard, 2025

## New Francophone Shorts 2: Dark after Dark

Wed, Feb 4 at 8:30pm

### The Magician

Bogdan Muresanu, 2025

### Life with an idiot

*La Vie avec un idiot*  
Theodore Ushev, 2025

### Sisowath quay

*Quai Sisowath*  
Stéphanie Lansaquet,  
François Leroy, 2025

### The Exploding Girl

*La Fille qui explose*  
Caroline Poggi,  
Jonathan Vinel, 2024

## Best of Annecy 2025

Fri, Feb 6 at 9:30pm

### Virtuoso

GOBELINS Paris, 2025

### Murmuration

*Zwermen*  
Janneke Swinkels,  
Tim Frijsinger, 2025

### At Night

Pooya Afzali, 2025

### Sappho

*Safo*  
Rosana Urbes, 2025

### Naive New Beaters, Star Feminine Band "Ye Kou Si Kuo"

Lola Lefèvre, 2025

### The Girl Who Cried Pearls

*La jeune fille qui  
pleurerait des perles*  
Chris Lavis,  
Maciek Szczerbowski,  
2025

### Between the Gaps

*Entre les jours*  
Martin Bonnin, 2024

### Les Bêtes

Michael Granberry, 2024

### The Night Boots

*Les Bottes de la nuit*  
Pierre-Luc Granjon, 2024

## Strawberries, Snails and Slugs: the Films of Sylwia Szkiładź

Sat, Feb 7 at 1:45pm

### Autokar

Sylwia Szkiładź, 2025

### The Slug & The Snails

*Limaçon & carioles*  
Sylwia Szkiładź,  
Gwendoline Gamboa,  
2011

### Strawberry Soup

*La Soup aux fraises*  
Sylwia Szkiładź, 2013

### The Teeny-weeny Fox

*Le Renard minuscule*  
Sylwia Szkiładź,  
Aline Quertain, 2015

## The Magician of Ostend: The Films of Raoul Servais

Sat, Feb 7 at 4:15pm

### Chromophobia

Raoul Servais, 1965

### Sirène

Raoul Servais, 1968

### Goldframe

Raoul Servais, 1969

### To Speak or Not to Speak

Raoul Servais, 1970

### Operation X-70

Raoul Servais, 1971

### Uncle Thomas: Accounting for the Days

Regina Pessoa, 2019

### I Don't Feel Anything Anymore

*Je ne sens plus rien*  
Noémie Marsily,  
Carl Roosens, 2016

### Halewyn's Song

Raoul Servais, 1976

### Harpya

Raoul Servais, 1979

### Nocturnal Butterflies

Raoul Servais, 1998

### Atraksion

Raoul Servais, 2001

## New Francophone Shorts 3

Sun, Feb 8 at 12pm

### Autokar

Sylwia Szkiładź, 2025

### Ordinary Life

Yoriko Mizushiri, 2025

### King Ubu

*Ubu roi*  
Romane Tulli-Houzet,  
2025

### Feet in water

*Les pieds dans l'eau*  
Éloïc Gimenez Yoon,  
2023

### And I would be beautiful

*Et je deviendrais belle*  
Mathilde George, 2025

### Long Distance

*Longue Distance*  
Iulia Voitova, 2025

## Magnificent Puppets: The Films of De Swaef and James Roel

Sun, Feb 8 at 1:45pm

### Oh Willy...

Emma De Swaef,  
Marc James Roels, 2012

### This Magnificent Cake!

Emma De Swaef,  
Marc James Roels, 2018

