

## **BAF** is back!

In 2020 TAF-Thessaloniki Animation Festival introduced its very own Balkan Animation Pitching Forum-BAF and we are back for a second year!

BAF is an event dedicated to exchanging ideas, as well as creating new collaborations. Eager to share our passion and encourage new initiatives, we invite artists from the Balkan region to present their work and meet with experts from the field of animation.

BAF's goal is to create artistic bonds between the countries of the Balkan Peninsula, adding to a long tradition of cultural exchanges. Thus a platform and a common ground could be built for networking, for co-producing and co-funding of animated movies and series, as well as VR and AR projects.

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 grand prizes!!

BAF will be held during TAF from the 14th to the 24h of October 2021. 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 three winning projects considering both quality and performance.

Looking forward to hearing from you!!



