



1st International Animation
Festival in Nikozi 2011.09.12-18



Nikozi is one of Georgia's oldest villages, which is covered with early Christian churches and historical monuments.

Several years ago, an art school was created here, where among other various art subjects, the local children who had been through the war gain mastery over animation too.

A studio for animation films was put together in Nikozi in 2006. Unfortunately during the war in 2008, it was bombed by aircraft and was completely burned down.

At the very end of the war, the work to restore the studio began. The purchase of the necessary equipment was brought about through financial help from Poland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

It was decided that an international animation festival take place in Nikozi, which will foster the development of the art of animation and help cure the psychological atmosphere following the war in this area!

For the guests who take part in it, the festival will be a place to meet artists working in animation, to show off their own creations, to share experience, and to be filled with new ideas and energy! The festival must be transformed into a celebration of animation, art, goodness, and relationships between people.



The studios of "Se-ma-for" and "Animos" have already announced a wish to take part in Nikozi's International Festival of Animation in 2011, as well as the film directors Alexander Petrov and Irine Kodjukova. Talks are still going on with creative artists from other countries.

Students from the Spiritual Academy in Alaska will participate in the festival's cultural program, who have become friends of Nikozi's School of Art.

A friend of the festival, the legendary Russian animator and film director, Yuri Norstein, is expected to visit Nikozi.

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