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ZOOKS

A FILM BY KRISTOFF AND DIMITRI LEUE



GLENN-SCOTT PEIJ

MONA LAHOUSSE



WIM HELSEN - DAISY IP - FRANK FOCKETYN - MATTEO SIMONI - TINE REYMER - WOUTER HENDRICKX - WARRE BORGMANS

PRODUCED BY POTEMKINO - SANCTA - THE FRIDGE - KETNET PRODUCERS PETER DE MAEGO - KRISTOFF LEUE - JAN HAMEEUW - TOM HAMEEUW
DIRECTORS KRISTOFF LEUE - DIMITRI LEUE CO-DIRECTOR THOMAS CEULEMANS ART DIRECTOR JOOST JANSEN - OLIVIER DE GROELARD MUSIC JAN BORRE
SOUND DESIGN RUBEN NACHTERGAELE POPPET MASTER PAUL CONTRYN PRODUCTION DESIGNER BRUNO VAN SON ANIMATION SOPHIE ANIMATION - LUXUN ACADEMY





ZOOKS by Kristoff & Dimitri Leue with Matteo Simoni, Frank Focketyn, Worre Borgmans

In a kingdom where man and nature are segregated, twelve year old Robin runs off into the forbidden forest where she meets Wolf, the young true heir to the throne. Robin, Wolf and some unexpected allies set in motion an adventure which will topple the Bad King and restore balance between man and nature.

The fantastic, near-reality texture of the ZOOKs universe is captured in settings based on 2D opaque paintings and reinforced by the rotoscope technique. ZOOKs' unique visual style has been baptized "Manga Belge", evoking the graphic novel and its animated counterpart. ZOOKs has a slightly Asian feel that makes it edgy, urban and vivid. That's why manga is a good reference. Belge is added, because the aspired visual identity is richer than the Japanese "less is more" approach. The release of the film in Benelux is also combined with an online game and community challenges in collaboration with the WWF.



Directors' Statement

"ZOOKs is the story of man's challenging relationship with nature, translated into a metaphorical conflict of two royal brothers, King Alexander and Prince Ferdinand. ZOOKs intends to enrich its family audience with knowledge of and love for nature, engaging it to discover nature. We developed a unique workflow for the animation of the film, combining 2D rotoscoping with 3D sets"



Directors' Biography

Kristoff Leue is a Belgian director and (creative) producer with a passion for world cultures, multimedia formats and animation projects.

Dimitri Leue is a prize-winning writer, director and actor.

Cast Biography

Matteo Simoni is a multifaceted actor who has quickly become one of Belgium's most sought-after young talents (Berlinale shooting star 2018). Of Italian descents, he studied acting in Antwerp and acted in several TV series. In 2013 he starred as protagonist in *Marina* by Stijn Coninx.

Frank Focketyn is a veteran TV and Film actor, having acted in some of the most popular Flemish TV series, such as *De Ronde* and *Booh!*

Directors **Kristoff Leue & Dimitri Leue** | Screenwriters **Kristoff Leue & Dimitri Leue**
Producers **Peter De Maegd, Kristoff Leue, Tom Hameeuw, Jan Hameeuw** | Art director **Joost Jansen**
Music **Jan Borré** | Sound Design **Ruben Nachtergaele**
Production Company **Potemkino**, in co-production with **Sancta, The Fridge and Ketnet**

Original Title: ZOOKs | 93' | Colour | Aspect Ratio 2:39.1 | Rotoscopy | Audio 5.1

Animation | Belgium 2018 | Dutch OV + English Dub + Spanish Dub