

Don Hertzfeldt presents
ANIMATION MIXTAPE

In Theaters Only
Fall 2025

12 short films
85 minutes

Released by Ink Films



Background:

Two-time Academy Award nominee and Sundance Film Festival Grand Jury Prize winner Don Hertzfeldt partners with Ink Films to release *Animation Mixtape*, an 85-minute short film program personally selected by Hertzfeldt.

An exclusive collection of animated shorts by talented artists from around the world, *Mixtape* features many recent films from up-and-coming animators next to classics that originally inspired Hertzfeldt to start animating.

"Animated short films are a vital part of our cinematic ecosystem, and I'll always leap at every opportunity to bring the work of amazing artists to the biggest screens we can find," said Hertzfeldt. "This feature-length collection includes many strange treasures I've admired over the years — from new films that haven't been released widely yet, to titles that inspired me to become an animator over thirty years ago."

Celebrated for his emotionally resonant and visually inventive animated films, Hertzfeldt has long been a champion of independent animation. His latest collaboration marks a milestone for both him and Ink Films, as it becomes the company's inaugural release and for theaters only.

While over 10,000 short films are made every year by filmmakers at various stages of their career, only a fraction make it into film festivals and are able to be seen in a classic theatrical setting. Once a staple of the moviegoing experience with a short film paired with every feature screening in a cinema, barely any short film gets a theatrical release today. The *Animation Mixtape* is taking 11 short films to theaters across the U.S. and Canada, providing a special, one-time chance for these stylish and unique films to be seen by animation fans on the big screen. Like a concert, *Mixtape* is a live event by design and will be shown only in cinemas.

Short synopsis:

Flying cows, mysterious gods and lyrical pandemonium: Don Hertzfeldt has made *Animation Mixtape* just for you. The dazzling 85-minute program features exciting, animated shorts from up-and-coming filmmakers, Academy Award nominees and classic pieces that originally inspired Don to start making his own iconic work. Including a new animated introduction from Don and never before seen work from famed underground animator Bruce Bickford.

About Don Hertzfeldt:

Don Hertzfeldt is an American independent filmmaker whose animated films have screened around the world. His work has received two Oscar nominations for Best Animated Short Film, two Sundance Film Festival Grand Prizes for Short Film, a Short Film Palm d'Or nomination at the Cannes Film Festival, and numerous other awards worldwide.

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About Ink Films:

Ink Films is the theatrical distribution arm of The Beverly Theater in Las Vegas. Established in 2024, Ink Films champions line-crossing storytellers who believe in the consequences of independent voices and the magic of moviegoing. Storytelling starts with ink.

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