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HIROSHIMA 2018 Festival Office

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## **Announcement of HIROSHIMA 2018 International Honorary President and International Selection Committee Members**

The International Honorary President and the five members of the Selection Committee of the 17th Hiroshima International Animation Festival have been decided as follows. (Please also refer to the attached flyer, Bulletin No.1).

### 1. International Honorary President

Yoji Kuri (Japan) is our International Honorary President of HIROSHIMA 2018.

In order to bring worldwide attention to the festival, Hiroshima International Animation Festival invites a renowned master of animation art as the International Honorary President to represent the animation field.

Yoji Kuri : Born in Sabae City of Fukui Prefecture in 1928. His animation short "Human Zoo" won the Special Jury Prize at the Annecy International Animation Festival in 1962, and animation short "The Room" won several awards such as Lion of San Marco Prize at the Venice Film Festival. In 1993, he served on the jury at the Annecy International Animation Festival, France and was awarded the ASIFA Prize for years of contribution to the art of animation. He has held many one-man exhibitions of his paintings at various art galleries and museums globally, including the Musee d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris.

## 2. International Selection Committee of HIROSHIMA 2018:

Kine Aune (Norway), Film and Theatre Director/Producer

Ferran Gallart (Catalonia/Spain), Art-director

Menno de Nooijer (The Netherlands), Visual Artist

Cristina Lima (Portugal), Festival Programmer and Organizing Member of CINANIMA International Animation Festival

Makiko Nagao (Japan), Animation Production, Dissemination and Research

Our International Selection Committee will choose competition titles by previewing all entries submitted from around the world. Competition titles will be screened during the festival in August. On the occasion of HIROSHIMA 2016 (the 16th edition of the festival), 2,248 titles were entered from 78 countries and regions.

### **HIROSHIMA 2018 General Information**

1. Official Name:

The 17th International Animation Festival in Japan – HIROSHIMA 2018

2. Date and Venue:

23-27 August 2018 at JMS Aster Plaza, Hiroshima City

3. Spirit:

Love & Peace

4. Organized by:

International Animation Festival Organizing Committee, Hiroshima City, Hiroshima City Culture Foundation

Co-organized by: ASIFA-Japan

Endorsed by: ASIFA (Association Internationale du Film d'Animation)

5. HIROSHIMA 2018 Competition Schedule:

1) Timeframe

i. Selection Committee/ May 9th - May 27, 2018 (tentative)

ii. Competition/ August 23rd - August 27th, 2018

2) Venues

i. Selection Committee/ Hiroshima City Cinematographic and Audio-Visual Library  
(3-1, Moto-machi, Naka-ku, Hiroshima)

ii. Competition/ JMS Aster Plaza  
(4-17, Kako-machi, Naka-ku, Hiroshima)