

OFF BEAT

By WILL BECHER

Director's Biography

Will's graduation film '*Boxed In*' (2002) received over a dozen international festival awards and a nomination for a BAFTA New Talent Award. After graduating Will worked as a freelance animator in London, before relocating to Bristol to animate on the Wallace & Gromit feature film '*Curse of the Were-Rabbit*'. Once shooting finished on Wallace and Gromit in 2005 he began developing the idea for *Off Beat*.

'*Off Beat*' is an independent short funded by the UK Film Council. The film, supported by Aardman Animations, was the first to be shot entirely on digital stills cameras in their Bristol studios and became the first HD (High Definition) short film from Aardman. It features the vocal talents of award winning BBC journalist Michael Buerk.

Will is currently working in London on a new short film commissioned by Channel 4 entitled '*The Weatherman*' (due to complete in September 2007).

Filmography:

Off Beat, 2006

Boxed In, 2002

Synopsis:

An adventure involving biscuits, a TV and absolutely no police whatsoever.

Screenings:

Encounters, Bristol UK 2006

Childrens Film Festival, Egypt 2007

Mar Del Plata, Argentina 2007

Cartoons on the Bay, Italy 2007

Trickfilm Festival Stuttgart, Germany 2007

Bimini, Latvia 2007

Awards:

HDFEST Best Animation 2007

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