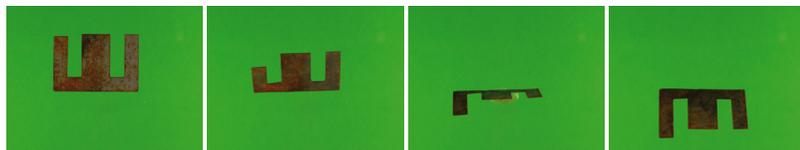


Concept

„Recyclers“ is an animation film series that portrays the diverse cultural, social and urban fabrics of different cities by means of experimental animation and creates an ironic picture of human consumerism. In different metropolises characteristic urban sounds are recorded. Objects, like litter from the streets, packaging of consumer goods and typical local products, are collected. “Recycled” figures are created with these objects and animated to the sound recordings. Each “Recyclers” film is divided into several scenes, in which the trash creatures react with humour to spontaneities and characteristic impressions of the urban ambience. The environment is thereby subjected to close examination from an unusual perspective. The filmic results are experimental, documentary portraits of different metropolises.

Animation Technique

The collected items are animated frame-by-frame on green screen on the animation table, while being moved in all three dimensions. These modular clips show the objects three-dimensionally and are combined in After Effects to figurative creatures that are then animated in 3D space. The backgrounds in front of which the creatures perform are animated series of photos taken from the urban surroundings of the city in question. While walking towards interesting wall textures, facades, old doors, street-art signs, etc, a photo is taken at each successive step. The results are „animated zooms“ towards these backgrounds which end in close-up views.



The Sound

Each movement of the creatures has a sound effect created by the object itself. These sounds are sampled to rhythmic beats to which the figures perform. Sound fragments of the urbanity, such as traffic noise, market life, streetmusic, etc., create the score of the film.



stills: „Buenos Aires Recyclers“



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SYNOPSIS

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Animation · 6:10 min · Stereo · 16:9 HD/digiBeta

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Mixing: Sebastian Müller

Financing: Land OÖ & own resources

Sales: sixpackfilm, Vienna

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Synopsis

Buenos Aires - tango, ear-splitting traffic noise and a treasure trove for litter. „*Buenos Aires Recyclers*“ portrays the cultural, social and urban fabrics of this city by means of experimental animation. The viewer is guided to urban hideouts where little creatures dwell. These are digitally composed with collected trash and typical local products. The clatter of the limbs of these creatures interacts with the soundscapes of Buenos Aires.

Festival Participation:

· 2011 Balkanima Novi Beograd (Serbia)

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