



Great Expectations

not everyone is meant to fly.

Synopsis

A drying handkerchief is tempted by the noble fly of cranes.

After much struggle, it escapes and with great courage, it launches out in an adventure beyond its powers.

Awards

Animation award - Annual Awards of the Romanian Filmmakers' Union 2008

Best Animation - 2010 New York Eurasian Film Festival - November 11-14th USA

Best Film Of Festival (Jury award) - Thermaikos Film Festival 2010, Greece

Best Foreign Film (Audience award) – Thermaikos Film Festival 2010, Greece

People's Choice Award - 7th Naoussa International Film Festival - 2010 Greece

Best International Animation - Video Festival Imperia 2010, Imperia

1st Audience award - animation category - Kimera IFF 2010, Campobasso

Cinemagia - Animest 2008, Bucharest

Best animated film - Euroshorts 2009, Warsaw

Best animated film - "Miracle" Faludi International Youth Film Festival ,
Budapest, 2009

Preselection Award - animation category - Kimera IFF 2010, Campobasso

Best Student film - Lola Kenya Screen 2010, Nairobi

Best animation embodiment of the script - Beginning 2009, St. Petersburg

Best Animation – Hyperion International Film Festival 2010, Bucharest

Animation Award - ECO - ETNO - FOLK Film International Film Festival, Slatioara
3.cena - ANIMOFEST 2010, Bratislava

Special Mention - 48th Golden Knight Malta International Short Film Festival
2009, Malta

Special Mention - Persona - Franco-Romanian Film Festival 2010, Bucharest

Director's Statement

In the beginning, it was just an idea about a flying hanky but it turned into a real story with a potential to say something true about the human condition.

Great Expectations is a story about human impotence against destiny, about preconception, role and social status.

Making this film was relatively easy compared to my other films. I had the sensation that I was telling a story with an important message and this encouraged me and made the entire process easier for me.

The technique I chose was very simple - Simple 3d characters and even simpler 2d settings.

The decor is a collage of illustrations and photos from diverse European cities, most of them from Paris and Bucharest. I tried to create a nineteenth century atmosphere, where lace and handcrafted items were usual accessories, when everybody had at least one handkerchief. This was indeed, "the time of handkerchiefs".

Great Expectations Crewe

Alexei Gubenco	- Animation, Screenplay, Directing
Cosmin Nastasoiu	- Modeling
Cristian Vararu	- Sound Design

Alexei Gubenco

Born in 1980 - Republic of Moldova. Now living in Bucharest, Romania

2009 - Graduated Hyperion University, Film Directing in Bucharest, Romania

Filmography

2009 - V.L.C. (Vive La Crise!)

2008 - Great Expectations

2007 - The Misunderstood Artist

Technical Specifications

Title:	Great Expectations
	Short animation, adventure, drama
Country of origin:	Romania
Language:	no dialogue
Video specifications:	Color, 16x9 aspect ratio, stereo sound.
Length Video NTSC:	3 min 00 sec
Length Video PAL:	2 min 52 sec
Completion:	July 2008
Original Format:	HD 1080p
Available formats:	PAL 25 fps - HD 1080p, Beta Sp, Digi Beta, MiniDV, DVD NTSC 24 fps - HD 1080p, MiniDV, DVD