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RETOUR À HAIRY HILL

May 2023 | Canada 17min 14sec | Animation, Short | Drama, Fantasy | No dialogue | Color | 16:9 | Stereo

Directed by Daniel Gies Written by Daniel Gies & Emily Paige Produced by Emily Paige, E.D. FILMS

"For my grandmother" - based on the true story of Marie-Anne Ethel Garnier, born in Hairy Hill, Alberta, Canada, 1940

Synopsis: Ethel's childhood ends abruptly when her mother flies away, leaving Ethel alone to care for an isolated homestead and her younger siblings. As a merciless winter descends upon them, Ethel must decide whether to resign herself to fate or to try her luck in the wide world...

About the Director: Daniel Gies learned everything he knows about computer animation and filmmaking through online tutorials and the generosity of mentors along the way. A self-taught artist and animator, born and raised at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains in Western, Canada, Daniel has spent the last 17 years living and working in the vibrant city of Montreal, Quebec. Although he has collaborated with many directors and artists over his career, RETOUR A HAIRY HILL marks Daniel Gies' first independent short film.

Full Credits

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Director: Daniel Gies Producer: Emily Paige Assistant Producer: Roxann Vaudry-Read Junior Producer: Hugo Bossaert Post-production Producer: Kerry Johnson Executive Producer: Archita Ghosh Script Editors: Hoda Adra, David Martel

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Story Consultants: Dale Hayward, Sylvie Trouvé Development Advisor and Visual Researcher: Davide Di Saro Modeling: Daniel Gies, Eric Max Kaplin, Eléonore Mantelle, Christopher Schmier Rigging: Daniel Gies, David Barlow-Krelina Texturing: Daniel Gies Technical Artists: David Barlow-Krelina, Michaelson Britt, Alexis Morin, Christopher Schmier 2D Animation: Daniel Gies, Cielle Graham, Louis M. Roy 3D Animation: Agora Studio, Pier-Olivier Allard, Emad Shamsollahi Principal 3D Animators: Trèfle Meilleur, Daniel Gies Special Effects: Fred Casia, Daniel Gies, Eric Max Kaplin, Louis M. Roy, Christopher Schmier, Sercan Yasar Illustration: Julian Bauer, Jean-Guilhem Barguès, Daniel Gies, Cielle Graham Image Editor: Daniel Gies Director of Photography: Sébastien Gros Post-production Image: E.D. FILMS Sound Design: Tyler Fitzmaurice, Audio Coara Music Composition: Tyler Fitzmaurice, Jessica Moss Musicians: Tyler Fitzmaurice, Sarah Toussaint-Léveillé, Jessica Moss, Parker Shper Sound Effects: Alexis Farrand, Andy Malcom, Chelsea Body Sound Mix: Tyler Fitzmaurice Assistant Sound Editor: JoJo Worthington Legal Advice: Vanessa Loubineau, Philippe Saint-Louis (Miller Thomson) Production Accountant: Stéphanie Huberdeau (Finalytics) Auditor: Anouar Kebaili (APSV) Insurance: GlobalEX SODEC: Cédric Bourdeau, Marie Brazeau, Anne Cusson, Sophie Hudon, Sysamone Vilayvong

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