## **MASTERCLASSES 2016**



**RON DIAMOND** – Academy Executive Committee Branch Member - USA

8th of November - 2:30 p.m.

<u>Place</u>: Escola Superior de Média Artes e Design do Instituto Politécnico do Porto

Title: Essential steps to winning an Academy Award

Synopsis: In a two and a half hour master class, Academy Executive Committee Branch Member Ron Diamond explains the rules for submission, voting

procedures and pitfalls that have caused some films to be disqualified. Discussion of the attributes and qualities of four films is discussed to give attendees greater insight as to what kinds of films have historically gained the attention of the Academy and why other films have not..

Biography: Animation producer, distributor and curator Ron Diamond founded and runs Acme Filmworks in Los Angeles, CA, one of the preeminent independent animation studios since 1990 creating seminal animated works with such directors as Michael Dudok de Wit, Christopher Hinton, Janet Perlman, Raimund Krumme, Caroline Leaf, Wendy Tilby and Amanda Forbis, Aleksandra Korejwo and dozens of other animators from around the globe. Diamond has produced commercials, main title sequence, short films, a television series and several animated features, including The 17th Annual Animation Show of Shows, the International Tournee of Animation and the Animation Celebration. Diamond has served on numerous festival juries, curated multiple programs, lectured at numerous universities, exhibited Acme Filmworks production art work on four continents and has been in attendance at dozens of international animation festivals small and large. Diamond is also the co founder of Animation World Network, the founder of The Animation Show of Shows, Inc. and organizes the annual Pre-Oscar tour of the leading animation studios for animated short film Oscar® nominees.



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