



**TURGUT AKACIK**  
**Selection Committee**

Turgut Akacık was born in Istanbul in 1980. He studied sculpture at high school and he was interested in stop-motion animation since then. An internship at Animation Studio & Production Company *anima Istanbul* caused his decision to go on with his career as an animator. He studied animation in Anatolian University (Fine Arts Faculty) and first worked as a character animator, then became lead animator and finally director at *anima Istanbul*. He continues to direct TV commercials, and doesn't intend to stop animating anytime soon!

His film **Don't Go**, produced by *anima Istanbul*, was awarded twice at the International Animation Film Festival Annecy 2010 and received Special Distinction ex aequo for Short film and Junior Jury Award.