



BATFISH SOUP (2016)

Directed by Amanda Bonaiuto

BATFISH SOUP is a short animated film about a pair of wacky relatives who wreak havoc during an afternoon visit.

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Produced at: California Institute of the Arts

Sound Design: Amanda Bonaiuto

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SYNOPSIS:

Wacky relatives give way to mounting tensions with broken dolls, boiling stew and a bang. Batfish Soup is a fictionalized absurdist film based on memories of freakish childhood visitations with my grandparents. Violence, senseless fear, and play become indistinguishable as the characters dance their way through the evening.

Run time: 4m34s

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT:

Batfish Soup is the result of a look into my childhood memories. The film is inspired by my late father's parents, who were scheduled for weekly visitations with myself and my siblings after my father's death. Unfortunately they were insane, so this caused some issues. The film is loosely autobiographical, the process of writing and animating my way around these memories removed myself from them, allowed me to stand outside them and see the humour in what was, at the time, a little traumatic. This film epitomizes my interest in the darkly humorous underpinnings of domestic drama.

I produced this film as my first year film in the MFA Experimental Animation Program at California Institute of the Arts.

DIRECTOR'S BIO

Amanda Bonaiuto is an animator and artist originally from Boston, Massachusetts. She received her BFA in fine art from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston in 2012. She is now an MFA candidate in the Experimental Animation program at California Institute of the Arts, expected to graduate in 2018. Her work has screened in festivals and galleries nationally and internationally, including: the Ottawa International Animation Festival, London International Animation Festival, Animated Dreams (Estonia), PRIMANIMA (Hungary), Slamdance (Utah), and more.



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