

el Empleo

(the Employment) animated short film



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Character Design - **Patricio Plaza**
Animation 2D - **Santiago 'Bou' Grasso**
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Animation 3D - **Lautaro González González**
Postproduction and effects - **Santiago 'Bou' Grasso**
Graphic Design - **Natalia Acosta**



Synopsis

An anonymous man performs his usual trip to work, immersed in a world where the utilization of people as objects is an everyday thing.

Director's Statement

'El Empleo' is a film about the use of the man by the man. The objectualization of the human being in our society is shown allegorically in a very particular way: a world where everyone is used as an object. With dark humor and a critical look over the issue, we explore the place of the human being in the modern societies, searching for a deep reflection from the audience when facing the film's point of view.

Production Note

The production of 'El Empleo' took almost two years to be accomplished, being an independent film financed by the authors and with a small bursary from the Fondo Nacional de las Artes (National Fund of the Arts). The production took place between Buenos Aires, Argentina and San Carlos de Bariloche, Patagonia Argentina. The film was done with classic hand drawn 2D animation, taking more than 8600 drawings for the entire animation, and the backgrounds were done in watercolors. Some few elements were created in CGI, but subtly integrated with the 2D ambience. The entire graphic material was then digitalized and composed.





Biography

Santiago 'BOU' Grasso

Born on March 11, 1979, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

He obtained a "Designer in Visual Communication" degree in 2003 at the Faculty of Fine Arts, National University of La Plata (UNLP)

Illustrator, animator and comic book artist.

As animator, he has participated in several animated feature-film productions, both argentine and international: Nocturna, Gisaku, El Arca, Patoruzito, Condor Crux, among others.

With his independent animated shorts he participated in many animation festivals, receiving more than 80 international awards.

He currently lives in San Carlos de Bariloche, Río Negro, working as a freelance illustrator and making independent animation.

Filmography

As Director:

2004: **Nuevas Tecnologías (New Technologies)** / Short film for the Internet.
Winner of the Barakaldo graphic humor contest.

2005: **La Cara de La Luna (The Face of the Moon)** / Short Film preproduction.
Selected as one of the best projects in the International Projects Competition at Annecy 2005.

2006: **El Pájaro y el Hombre (The Bird and the Man)**
Short film for the Internet.

2007: **-Hola? (-Hello?)** / Stop Motion short film.
Winner First Prize Cortoons Festival 2008 (Italy) / Audience Award FIA '07 (Uruguay) / Patagonic Award Alberto Vilanova and Best Animation Award Concurso Nacional de Cine y Video Independiente Cipolletti 2009 (Argentina)

2008: **El Empleo (The Employment)** / 2D animation Short Film.

2009: **Padre (Father)** / Stop Motion short film. In preproduction.

As Feature films Animator:

1999: **Condor Crux** / Patagonik Film Group. Argentina.

2003: **Winnie Pooh's ABC** / Hook Up Animation for Disney's TV. Argentina.

2003: **Cartoon Network Anniversary - From the Anvil to Sustance X**
Hook Up Animation. Special for TV.

2004: **Patoruzito.** / Patagonik Film Group. Argentina.

2004: **Yo-Rhad and the Astromavericks.** / Bitt Animation-EFFECI Roma. Italy.

2005: **Gisaku.** / Filmax Animation. Spain.

2005: **Nocturna.** / Filmax Animation. Spain.

2006: **El Arca.** / Patagonik Film Group. Argentina.



The Face of the Moon (2005)



The Bird and the Man (2006)



-Hello? (2007)



The Employment (2008)

75 Film Festival and Contests Awards

49 INTERNATIONAL AWARDS:

- FRANCE - Annecy International Animation Festival (2009) / **FIPRESCI Award**
- CUBA - Festival de Cine de La Habana (2008) / **First Prize - Coral Animación / Colateral Award Portal del Cine Latinoamericano**
- SWITZERLAND - Festival International du Film d'Animation Cinematou (2009) / **IKEA Award from the Children's Jury**
- BRAZIL - Anima Mundi Festival (2008) / **Selected for the Anima Mundi Special Award**
- BRAZIL - São Paulo International Short Film Festival (2008) / **Honored Mention. Selected by the audience among the 10 best latin american shorts**
- ECUADOR - Animec Festival (2008) / **Best Iberoamerican animation**
- POLAND - UNICA World Independent Film Festival (2009) / **Golden Medal**
- POLAND - Etiuda & Anima Festival (2009) / **Audience Award**
- POLAND - Grand-OFF International Film Festival (2009) / **Best Animation Award**
- BOSNIA - Kratkofil Short Film Festival (2009) / **Best Animation**
- ROMANIA - Anim'est Festival (2008) / **Jury Award - Anim'est Trophy**
- ROMANIA - Alter-Native International Short Film Festival (2009) / **Prize of the Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs**
- SPAIN - Festival de Cine Latino en Lérida (2009) / **Best Short Film**
- SPAIN - Festival Cinema Jove Valencia (2009) / **Canal + Award**
- SPAIN - Animabasauri Festival (2009) / **Best short Film Karratu Section**
- SPAIN - Short film festival "La Boca del Lobo" (2008) / **Best International Animation**
- SPAIN - Certamen Audiovisual de Vilagarcía (2008) / **Best International Animation**
- SPAIN - Almería en Corto (2009) / **Special Mention of the International Jury**
- ITALY - Bolzano Short Film Festival (2008) / **Special Jury Award / Audience Award / Youth Jury Award**
- ITALY - Cortoons Animation Festival (2010) / **Special Award**
- AUSTRALIA - UTS Sydney International Animation Festival (2009) / **Audience Award**
- USA - San Francisco Short Film Festival (2009) / **Best screenplay**
- CANADA - Cabbagetown Short Film and Video Festival (2009) / **Best Animation Award / Audience Award**
- CHINA - CICDAF China International Animation and Digital Arts Festival (2009) / **Special Distinction Award Short Film Category**
- GERMANY - Argentinische Filmtage (2009) / **Mention to Best Short Film**
- RUSSIA - KROK International Animated Film Festival (2008) / **Honored Mention and Diploma**
- CHILE - FESANCOR Santiago Short Film Festival (2008) / **First Prize International Animation**
- URUGUAY - FIA International Animation Festival (2008) / **Audience Award**
- PERU - FENACO Cusco Short Film Festival (2008) / **Second Prize Animation**
- ALBANIA - Tirana Film Fest (2008) / **First Mention for Animated Short Films**
- HOLLAND - KLIK! Amsterdam Animation Festival (2009) / **Award to the Best Politic Film**
- EGYPT - Ismailia Film Festival for Documentary and Short Film (2009) / **Best Animation Award**
- THAILAND - Bangkok International Animation Festival (2009) / **Best Animation Award**
- ITALY - I've Seen Films International Film Festival (2009) / **Best Animation Award**
- UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - Middle East International Film Festival (2009) / **Special Jury Mention (Narrative Short Film)**
- SWITZERLAND - Festival Pantalla Latina (2009) / **Best Short Film Award**
- UK - Encounters Short Film Festival (2009) / **Special Jury Distinction / Cartoon d'Or Nomination**
- ESTONIA - Animated Dreams Animation Festival (2009) / **Best Story Award**
- COLOMBIA - LOOP Festival Internacional de Animación (2009) / **Best 2D Short Film / Award to the best short film of less than 8 minutes**
- RUSSIA - International Festival of Animation Arts Multivision (2010) / **3º Prize**
- GREECE - Athens Animfest (2010) / **1st Jury Award / Public Award / Students Jury Mention for the Best Social Issues**

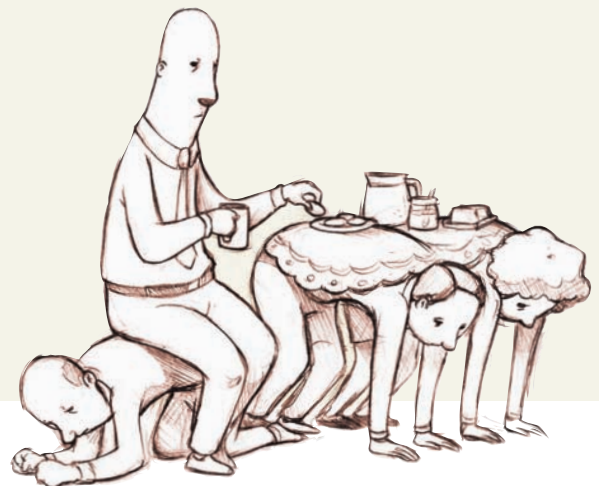
26 ARGENTINE AWARDS:

- Festival Internacional de Cine de Mar del Plata (2008) / **Best Argentine Short Film / Special Award "Without Frontiers"**
- Premios Cóndor de Plata Asociación de Cronistas Cinematográficos (2008) / **Best National Short Film**
- Expotoons International Animation Festival (2008) / **First Prize Short Films**
- Expotoons International Animation Festival (2009) / **Special Award given by Tiziana Loschi (Annecy International Animation Festival Representative)**
- UNCIPAR Festival y Jornadas (2009) / **2º Prize / Audience Award**
- FEJOREL Festival y Jornadas de Realizadores Latinoamericanos (2008) / **Best Short Film / Best Script / Best Animation**
- Festi Freak Festival de Cine Independiente (2008) / **First Prize Animation**
- FICO Festival de Cortos de Olavarría (2009) / **Best National Short Film**
- "Nueva Mirada" Festival Internacional para La Niñez y la Juventud (2008) / **"Golden Barrel" for the Best Short Film for the Youth**
- Concurso Nacional de Cine y Video Independiente de Cipolletti (2008) / **Best Animation**
- Concurso de Cortometrajes del Fondo Nacional de las Artes (2008) / **Jury Award / Directory Award**
- La Noche del Corto INCAA (2008) / **Second Jury Award / Audience Award**
- Festival de Cine Latino de Buenos Aires (2008) / **Best Animation Award**
- Festival de Cine Corto de Tapiales (2008) / **Best Animation**
- Río Negro Proyecta (2009) / **Best Regional Short Film**
- Festival ANIMA '09 de Córdoba (2009) / **Best Argentine Animation / Grand Award of the Jury / Audience Award**
- Festival Maipú Cortos (2009) / **Second Jury Award**
- Concurso Caloi en su Tinta (2010) / **First Prize**



134 Festivals and Contests

- FRANCE - *Anney International Animation Festival* (2008/2009)
- FRANCE - *Festival de Biarritz - Cinémas et Cultures d'Amérique Latine* (2008)
- FRANCE - *Rencontres Cinémas d'Amérique Latine de Toulouse* (2008)
- FRANCE - *Les Nuits Magiques - Festival International du Film d'Animation* (2009)
- FRANCE - *Festival de Court-Métrage du Teich* (2010)
- FRANCE - *Paris Short Film Festival - Without Frontiers* (2009)
- ITALY - *Bolzano Short Film Festival* (2008)
- ITALY - *I Castelli Animati* (2008)
- ITALY - *Imaginaría Film Festival* (2008)
- ITALY - *Cortoons Animation Festival* (2010)
- ITALY - *Montecatini International Short Film Festival* (2010)
- CANADA - *Ottawa International Animation Festival* (2008)
- CANADA - *Worldwide Short Film Festival* (2009)
- CANADA - *Festival Regard sur le Court Métrage au Saguenay* (2008)
- CANADA - *Festival du Cinéma International en Abitibi-Témiscamingue* (2008)
- CANADA - *Just For Laughs Film Festival* (2009)
- CANADA - *Get Animated! Nfb's 70th Anniversary Edition* (2010)
- SPAIN - *Animabasauri Festival Internacional de Animación* (2009)
- SPAIN - *Festival Internacional Cinema Jove Valencia* (2009)
- SPAIN - *Muestra de Cine Latino en Catalunya - Lleida* (2009)
- SPAIN - *Animadrid Festival Internacional de Imagen Animada* (2008)
- SPAIN - *La Boca del Lobo. Festival Internacional de Cortometrajes* (2008)
- SPAIN - *Animacor Festival Internacional de Animación* (2008)
- SPAIN - *Festival Internacional de Cinema de Catalunya Sitges* (2008)
- SPAIN - *Mecal - Festival de Cortos de Barcelona* (2008)
- SPAIN - *On & off Festival Creativo de Curtas* (2008)
- SPAIN - *Curtocircuito Festival Internacional de Cortometrajes de Santiago de Compostela* (2009)
- SPAIN - *Festival Internacional de Cortometrajes Almería en Corto* (2009)
- SPAIN - *Animatic Muestra de Cine de Animación* (2009)
- SPAIN - *Festival Internacional de Filmets de Badalona* (2008)
- SPAIN - *Certamen de Cortos Soria* (2010)
- SPAIN - *L'alternativa - Festival de Cinema Independent de Barcelona* (2009)
- SPAIN - *Animac - Muestra Internacional de Animación de Catalunya* (2010)
- USA - *York International Children's Film Festival Nycff* (2010)
- USA - *Festival de Cine Las Americas* (2009)
- USA - *San Francisco Short Film Festival - Without Frontiers* (2009)
- USA - *Traverse City Film Festival* (2009)
- USA - *Martha's Vineyard Film Festival* (2009)
- USA - *10th Annual Animation Show of Shows* (2009)
- USA - *Befilm The Underground Film Festival* (2010)
- USA - *Florida Film Festival* (2010)
- USA - *RiverRun Film Festival* (2010)
- USA - *Bay Area International Children's Film Festival* (2010)
- UK - *Liaf - London International Animation Festival* (2009)
- UK - *Encounters Short Film Festival* (2009)
- UK - *The Guardian Hay Festival* (2010)
- BRAZIL - *Anima Mundi International Animation Festival of Brazil* (2008)
- BRAZIL - *São Paulo International Short Film Festival* (2008)
- BRAZIL - *Festival Curta Santos* (2009)
- GERMANY - *International Leipzig Festival for Documentary and Animated Film* (2008)
- GERMANY - *Stuttgart Animation Festival* (2009)
- GERMANY - *Mo&Frieze Children's Shortfilm Festival* (2009)
- GERMANY - *Argentinsche Filmtage* (2009)
- GERMANY - *Kurz & Knapp Film Festival* (2010)
- BELGIUM - *Anima Brussels* (2008)
- BELGIUM - *Belgium International Short Film Festival* (2009)
- MEXICO - *Expresión en Corto International Film Festival* (2009)
- MEXICO - *Monterrey International Film Festival* (2008)
- MEXICO - *Festival Creanimax de Animación y Videojuegos* (2008)
- MEXICO - *Festival Internacional De Cine Para Niños (Mexico)*
- POLAND - *Unica International Independent Film Festival* (2009)
- POLAND - *Grand off International Film Awards* (2009)
- POLAND - *Animator International Animation Festival* (2008)
- POLAND - *International Animated Film Festival Reanimacja* (2009)
- POLAND - *Festival Etiuda & Anima* (2009)
- POLAND - *Animation Now! Festival* (2009)
- RUSSIA - *Krok International Animation Festival 2008* (2008)
- RUSSIA - *St. Petersburg International Youth Film Festival* (2009)
- RUSSIA - *Big Cartoon Festival in Moscow* (2009)



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- RUSSIA - *International Festival of Animation Arts "Multivision"* (2010)
- SWITZERLAND - *Zurich Film Festival* (2009)
- SWITZERLAND - *Shnit Short Film Festival* (2009)
- SWITZERLAND - *Festival Pantalla Latina* (2009)
- SWITZERLAND - *Cinematou Animation Festival* (2009)
- SWEDEN - *Uppsala International Short Film Festival* (2009)
- SWEDEN - *Göteborg International Film Festival* (2010)
- SWEDEN - *Buff International Children and Young People's Film Festival in Malmö* (2008)
- HOLLAND - *Klik! Amsterdam Animation Festival* (2009)
- HOLLAND - *Li(S)Fe Leiden International Short Film Experience* (2010)
- ROMANIA - *Anim'est International Animated Film Festival* (2008)
- ROMANIA - *Alter-Native International Short Film Festival* (2010)
- ARGENTINA - *Festival Internacional de Cine de Mar del Plata* (2008)
- ARGENTINA - *Anima Córdoba Festival Internacional de Animación* (2009)
- ARGENTINA - *Festival de Cine Latino de Buenos Aires* (2008)
- ARGENTINA - *Concurso Nacional de Cine y Video Independiente de Cipolletti* (2008)
- ARGENTINA - *Festi Freak Festival Internacional de Cine Independiente* (2008)
- ARGENTINA - *Festival Internacional de Cine / Corto de Tapiales* (2008)
- ARGENTINA - *ARAN - Imágenes de la Patagonia* (2009)
- ARGENTINA - *Festival de Cine y Derechos Humanos DerHumalc* (2009)
- ARGENTINA - *Uncipar Jornadas Argentinas de Cine y Video Independiente* (2009)
- ARGENTINA - *Expotoons - Festival Internacional de Animación* (2008)
- ARGENTINA - *Festival Nueva Mirada para la Infancia y la Juventud* (2008)
- ARGENTINA - *FEJOREL Festival y Jornadas de Realizadores Latinoamericanos* (2008)
- ARGENTINA - *Festival Internacional de Cortos de Olavarría* (2009)
- ARGENTINA - *Festival de Cortos de Maipú* (2009)
- AUSTRALIA - *Melbourne International Animation Festival* (2009)
- AUSTRALIA - *Human Rights Arts and Film Festival* (2010)
- AUSTRALIA - *Sydney International Animation Festival* (2009)
- AUSTRALIA - *Little Big Shots International Film Festival for Kids* (2010)
- IRAN - *Tehran Animation Festival* (2009)
- IRAN - *Tehran International Short Film Festival* (2009)
- IRAN - *Roshd International Film Festival* (2009)
- AUSTRIA - *Vienna Independent Shorts* (2010)
- ALBANIA - *Tirana Film Festival* (2008)
- BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA - *Kratkofil International Short Film Festival* (2009)
- CHINA - *China International Animation and Digital Arts Festival* (2009)
- CHINA - *International Animation and Cartoon Festival of Hangzhou* (2010)
- BANGLADESH - *Int'l Short & Independent Film Festival Dhaka* (2010)
- BOLIVIA - *Festival de Cine y Derechos Humanos* (2008)
- CHILE - *FESANCOR Festival Chileno Internacional del Cortometraje de Santiago* (2008)
- COLOMBIA - *LOOP Festival Internacional de Animación* (2009)
- CUBA - *Festival del Nuevo Cine Latinoamericano de La Habana* (2008)
- CZECH REPUBLIC - *Anifest Animation Festival* (2010)
- ECUADOR - *Festival Internacional de Animación en Ecuador Animec* (2008)
- ESTONIA - *Animated Dreams Animation Festival* (2009)
- EGYPT - *Ismailia International Short and Documentary Film Festival* (2009)
- FINLAND - *Tampere Film Festival* (2008)
- GREECE - *Athens Animation Festival* (2010)
- HONG KONG - *Hong Kong International Film Festival* (2010)
- JAPAN - *Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia 2010* (2010)
- KOREA - *Asiana International Short Film Festival* (2009)
- MAROC - *Festival International de Cinéma d'Animation de Meknès* (2009)
- PARAGUAY - *Festival de Cine de Paraguay* (2009)
- PERU - *Fenaco Festival de Cortos de Cusco* (2008)
- PERU - *Festianima Festival Internacional de Animación* (2008)
- PORTUGAL - *Monstra Animation Festival* (2010)
- PUERTO RICO - *Cinefiesta International Film Festival* (2009)
- SERBIA - *Animanima International Animation Festival* (2009)
- SLOVENIA - *Animatka Animation Festival* (2008)
- THAILAND - *Bangkok International Animation Festival* (2009)
- UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - *MEIFF Middle East International Film Festival* (2009)
- URUGUAY - *Festival Internacional de Animación FIA* (2008)
- VENEZUELA - *Festival de Cine de los Pueblos del Sur* (2008)



Television

- Canal ARTE France/Germany
- Canal + Spain



Film Credits

- Title: **El Empleo**
- English title: **The Employment**
- Duration: **06' 20"** (6 minutes 20 seconds)
- Technique: **2D Animation, drawing on paper**
- Direction: **Santiago 'Bou' Grasso**
- Idea and characters design: **Patricio Plaza**
- 2D Animation: **Santiago 'Bou' Grasso and Patricio Plaza**
- 3D Animation: **Lautaro González González**
- Layout and backgrounds: **Santiago 'Bou' Grasso**
- Storyboard: **Patricio Plaza**
- Sound: **Patricio Plaza**
- Postproduction and effects: **Santiago 'Bou' Grasso**
- Titles and graphic design: **Natalia Acosta**
- Collaborators: **Leonardo Bettinelli, Mariana Díaz, Federico Gimeno, Matías Américo**
- Available Formats: **35 mm / BETACAM SP / Mini Dv / DVD**
- Aspect ratio: **4:3**
- **Stereo**
- **Color**
- Production year: **2008**

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