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English / Slovene

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Synopsis

A cat walks into the Office of the Ministry for Cat Affairs and requests for a passport. All goes pretty well until the female and male cat clerks demand to know the cat's sex.



Cast and Crew Biographies

Ana Čigon (1982) is an artist from Slovenia that works in diverse artistic fields like video art, documentary films and performances. She studied painting, video and new media art in Ljubljana (Slovenia) and Linz (Austria) and she is always interested in exploring different artistic expressions to improve her visual storytelling. For *Rebellious Essence* she combined her knowledge from film, painting and cat lover experience to create her third short animation.

Her videos and films deal with social issues and identity, mostly in relation to gender and she always tries to spice her films up with a pinch of humour or irony. She presents her works in solo and group exhibitions and in film festivals internationally and has received awards and nominations for her works.

Vasja Progar (1986) is a Slovene sound artist who also experimented with different artistic disciplines like sound art, composing and new media art, but most of all he is a music lover as well as a cat lover. He composed several contemporary music scores for documentary films as well as scores for (solo) performances and concerts. *Rebellious Essence* is the second animation he has composed for.

Trailer

<https://vimeo.com/240346317>

First Slovene LGBTQI+ animation.

Audience Choice Award at Leeds Queer Film Festival, UK and Best Animation Award at Malmo International LGBTQ+ Short Film Festival, Sweden.

Film festival personnel report cheerful atmosphere and a colourful collection of laughs spreading through the audience.

Trivia

The mysterious credit under Special thanks: Mico is a longhair domestic cat, a human whisperer that dictated the story to the officially credited director Ana Čigon.



"A psychedelic non binary cat walks into the office of the ministry for cat affairs to request a passport and is met by a bureaucratic brick wall. But this kitty finds their own way to avenge the mean binary fascist."

- Fringe! Queer Film and Arts

Festival



REBELLIOUS ESSENCE

Written, directed, animated and voices by
Ana Čigon

Music and sound design
Vasja Progar

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