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Short meets PETER LORD

One of the special guests of this edition will be the animator and director **Peter Lord**, who will be in Venice for a *masterclass*. Starting from the vision of some of his most important works, Lord will go through his extraordinary career and the adventure in the studios of the Aardman Animations, with which he has created iconic works and characters such as *Wallace & Gromit* and *Chicken Run*. The interview on the stage of the Auditorium will be held by **Davide Giurlando**, expert of animation cinema and professor at the Master of Fine Arts in Filmmaking at Ca' Foscari.

Film director and producer, **Peter Lord** is hitherto one of the most important figures in the context of animation in *stop-motion*. Since 1972 he works with his working partner David Sproxton, with whom he founded the Aardman Animations, film studio that acquired international fame since 1976, when the two partners decided to move to Bristol and work on animation with plastiline. Among their first successful works, it is important to remember *The Amazing Adventure of Morph*, a series of short movies for children that were transmitted during the 1980s on BBC. During his career Lord has not focused only on animation for children, on the contrary he has often addressed an adult audience as well. The short films *Animated Conversation* (1977), where Lord and Sproxton animate real recorded conversations, have become very famous. There are also incursions in music videos, such as *Sledgehammer* by Peter Gabriel (1986), and full-length films, such as *Chicken run* (2000, nominated to two Bafta Awards), by now considered a classic, and the recent *The Pirates! In an Adventure with Scientists* (2012), nominated for the Oscar in 2013.

PROGRAMME OF THE SELECTED WORKS:

DOWN AND OUT (UK, 1977, 5')

THE AMAZING ADVENTURE OF MORPH - THE SWIMMING POOL GARDEN (UK, 1981, 4'49")

ADAM (UK, 1991, 5'56)

WAT'S PIG (UK, 1996, 11')

MY BABY JUST CARES FOR ME (UK, 1987, 3'39")

BABYLON (UK, 1986, 13')

CHIECKEN RUN (USA, 2000, 84')

THE PIRATES! IN AN ADVENTURE WITH SCIENTISTS (UK/USA, 2012, 88')