

Last Summer

A FILM BY

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SYNOPSIS

It's the 90's.

Ren, Polo, Buck and Sun are a group of close childhood friends, who play together as a band. However, everyone except Ren is leaving the village for college, which means this is their last summer together.

As they spend those last days of vacation writing their final song and hanging out in the countryside, Ren faces the difficulties of having to let go of his lifelong relationships.

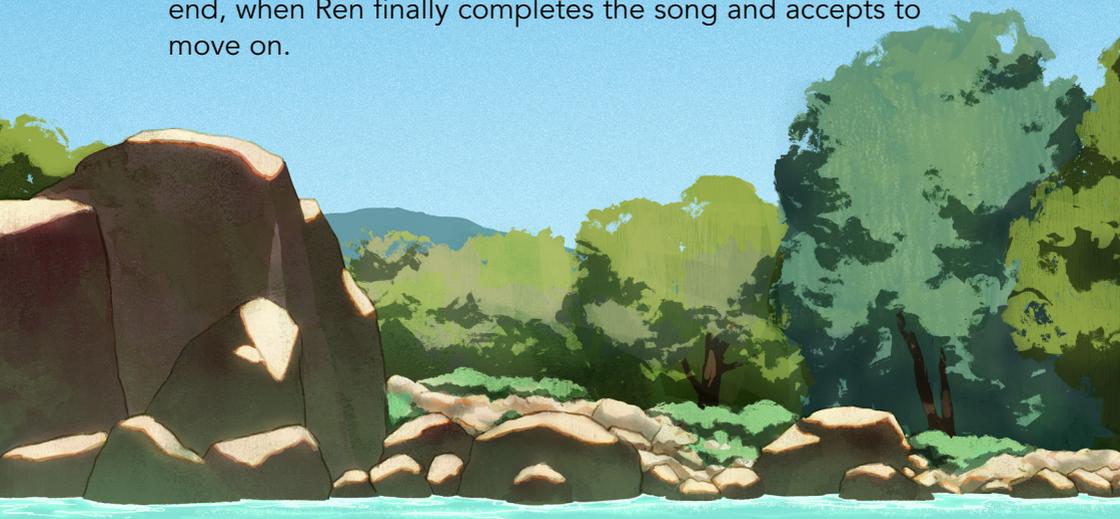


DIRECTORS' NOTE

The themes of *Last Summer* reflect common experiences of our childhoods: friendships and partings that come during the transition into adulthood. We explore those feelings through Ren, a teen who experiences fear and loneliness, facing the end of an important stage in his life. The summer setting is the time of holidays, freedom and friendships, especially for young people. The village provides intimacy, a closed space for the relationships to develop, a familiar space for our characters.

We use background art and light to convey the relationship between the four friends and to reflect Ren's feelings; from the vibrant beginning, to the calm and melancholic end, when he's at his loneliest.

Music also plays an essential role in our film; the friend group is also an amateur band. The music is present when our characters feel happy, fades into silence when they begin to part ways, only to come back again at the end, when Ren finally completes the song and accepts to move on.



DIRECTORS



NICOLA BERNARDI (visual development/layout & BG)

After his filmmaking studies in Milan, Italy, Nicola moved to Paris to work in animation. Having been an animator for three years, he decided to go back to study attending Gobelins, in order to develop his skills, especially in layout, background and visual development.



ALESSANDRA DE STEFANO (character design/visdev/BG)

After graduating the Academy of Fine Arts and studying Animation and Concept Art at Scuola Italiana di Comix, Alessandra applied for the international master at Gobelins in order to improve her skills. She now wishes to pursue a career in pre-production and study palaeontology in her free time.



GABRIELA LEWANDOWSKA (BG layout/2D animation)

She began by studying graphic design in Polish Art Academy in Szczecin and working for mobile video games. Now, after graduating from Gobelins, she pursues 2D animation and background design. She likes fast paced action, vibrant colors, complex architecture and trains.



CHLOÉ VAN BECELAERE (prop design/BG layout/2D anim)

After animation studies and a year as a BG artist in Lille, Chloé was accepted in Gobelins where they developed their skills to have a stronger generalist profile. They wish to work ideally on visdev and background/layout in the future while they work on storyboarding their personal projects during their free time.



CAMILLE VAN DELFT (storyboard/2D animation)

After her live action cinema studies in Brussels, Camille started animation studies at Gobelins. Already fascinated by storytelling, she discovers a new passion for acting, animation and character design; anything that can bring a character to life.



ELODIE XIA (character design/2D animation)

After preparatory school, she was accepted in Gobelins, where she realised that her forte lied in Character Design and Animation. She wishes to direct a music video in the future, as it is a format that she enjoys a lot. She's also currently developing her own original story that she hopes to share with the world.

PRODUCTION INFO

TITLE

Last Summer

YEAR OF PRODUCTION

2022

GENRE

Animation

DURATION

6'40"

LANGUAGE

English

SUBTITLES

English/French/Italian/Polish

TECHNIQUE

2D computer animation

FORMAT

1,77:1 (16/9)

CREDITS

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