

THE AMBASSADOR'S BRAIN



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PRODUCTION NOTES

Director	Tom Reilly
Writer	Tom Reilly
Animator	Tom Reilly
Sound, Design and Music	Wayne Gordon
Producers	Tom Reilly and Barry Innes
Country of production	New Zealand
Date of completion	2006
Genre	Scifi/Animation
Duration	12mins
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SYNOPSIS

A miserable blue alien finds the courage to defend his friend's head from a gang of butt-ugly monsters.

Lenid is worried about his friend *The Ambassador*, a human head in a mechanical box. He's been smoking a lot lately and his masters will not be pleased. Together the pair must confront General Sleg, one of the most original and disgusting monsters ever created for film, and a bloody showdown of claymation splatter ensues.

Shot on an ultra-low budget with sets built from vacuum cleaners this 12-minute sci-fi epic makes use of claymation, pixilation, 2D and 3D computer animation. It is the third short film of New Zealand director Tom Reilly and one of the most original animations you'll ever see.

SCREENINGS AND PRIZES

Nominee, New Zealand Screen Awards, Best Technical Contribution to a Short

Best Short Film – audience choice award at NZ Film Festival selection screening

DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHY

Tom Reilly taught himself filmmaking and animation while studying English at Auckland University, New Zealand. He worked for a year as a film extra before making his first claymation in 2001. In 2003 he was named New

Zealand New Filmmaker of the Year and won several awards with his three-minute short "Man With Issues". The Ambassador's Brain is his first fully-funded short film. He is now directing TV commercials and documentaries and has a feature in development with the NZ Film Commission.

TECHNICAL CREDITS

Writer, Director, Animator	Tom Reilly
Sound Design and Music	Wayne Gordon
Camera and editing	Tom Reilly
3D Animation	Theo Gibson

CAST

The Ambassador – Wayne Gordon
The Slave Creature – Tom Reilly