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**THE BIRTH OF A STYLE –
THE THREE MARKETS**

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The Fourth Period is short and runs from 1951 (the date of projection of the UPA short *Gerald McBoing Boing*) to 1960, the date of the first international animation film festival (Annecy, France). It is characterized by indecision. Disney and his imitators lost momentum, the UPA proposed a new style, the television age began and an original animation output was born in Europe. We'll christen it 'The Birth of a Style (1951–1960)'.

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The Sixth Period, since 1991, features economic globalization, the expansion of television series, developments in such countries as Japan, Korea, China, and India, and the consolidation of elitist *auteur* animation. But it is impossible to write history while it is in the making. So we'll leave this period, its contributions, and its legacy open to interpretation as we explore these 'Contemporary Times (1991–2015)'.

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