

Dale production-managed and Dave checked layouts on the Nelvana-produced Care Bears television series and movies in the mid-1980s. (Image copyright "Those characters from Cleveland")

same time, they didn't really get to know one another until after graduation when they kept running into each other in Toronto's burgeoning animation scene. After graduating, Dave got a job with Videoart Productions where, as the company's animation director, he worked on television commercials and TVO series. Dale joined the company a few years later.

The two married in 1976 and spent their honeymoon at the Ottawa International Animation Festival where *Symbiosis*, an animated short that Dave and written, produced and directed, was in competition.

"Most of our holidays are spent at film festivals," says Dale, who has been on the Ottawa festival's jury. "With us, everything is animation."

Symbiosis, which was created in response to the eviction of the Toronto Island residents, took first place in the "under three minutes" category at the Ottawa International Animation Festival. After the success in Ottawa, the film was entered in festivals around the world, from France to Yugoslavia, and was even invited to compete in the Academy Awards but unfortunately was not submitted in time.

Shortly after *Symbiosis*, Dave and Dale were looking to



Dave Cox displays his 1999-2000 Emmy for the Rolie Polie Olie show.



Dave and Dale Cox produced *Symbiosis* with a few friends as a private short film at Videoart Productions in Toronto. It went on to win several prestigious awards at international animation festivals and changed the couple's lives. Copyright Dave Cox, 1976

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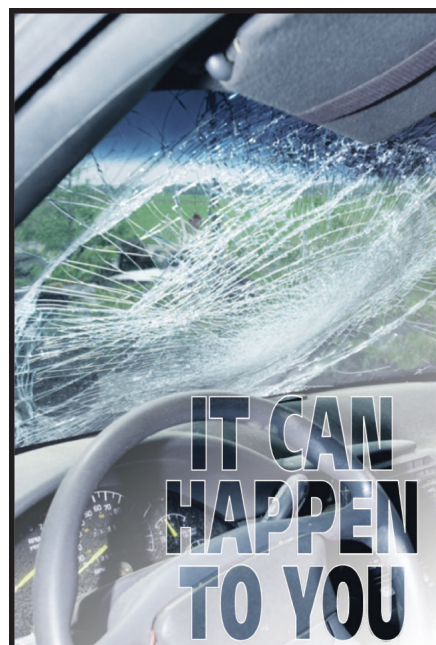
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