

## Lecture Write-Up #2

Wendy Tilby and Amanda Forbis

Yayyyy! Another awesome lecture that I went to! I'm starting to really enjoy the fact that we are assigned to attend these lectures because they are so much fun, and it forces me to become more involved in the Twin Cities design scene. Last week, I attended a lecture at MCAD to see Wendy Tilby and Amanda Forbis (who are AWESOME). These two women have collaborated and created the animated short *When the Day Breaks*, which received the Cannes Palme d'or for Best Short Film and an Academy Award nomination.

During the lecture, they expounded on their concept and creative processes throughout creating the short film *When the Day Breaks* as well as presented previous work and current projects they are working on.

Tilby and Forbis talked about what inspired them to create *When the Day Breaks*, which I found was a very interesting aspect to their lecture. *When the Day Breaks* was inspired by an illustration in a medical book (which is surprising in itself). It was an illustration of how digestion works within the body including drawings of little people working on each organ to make this action possible. They related *When the Day Breaks* to this illustration by creating characters living in homes within a neighborhood that are connected by electrical wires. This relates to the digestion system because each organ is working in different ways, but comes together to make the action possible in the human body just like each character in the film has a different life, but they all use the same wires for electricity within their home. I found this fascinating because it was a very interesting relationship between the film and a medical book, which in turn enhanced their concept greatly.

Another main point that struck me was their choice of medium. For *When the Day Breaks*, they used photocopy video prints on regular paper and drew the animation over these prints with oil sticks. This created an amazing effect throughout their animation and gave it a very gloomy, and interesting feeling. Not only did I find the medium extremely AWESOME, but the coolest thing of all was there was NO COMPUTER USE throughout the entire creation of this animation. THAT'S SO CRAZY!

Anyways, I found this lecture extremely relevant to what we are doing in class because as of now I am finishing up my animation. I think they gave great insight on what I am capable of doing when I am more experienced with the animation programs. Also, they gave me great insight on different medium that I would like to try on my illustrations and ways to go about doing so.

Overall the lecture was very interesting and the women were funny! I loved their other work that they showed such as trailers, commercials, etc. If anyone has time, I would definitely check out their United Airlines Commercials...they are so creative and funny and you will loooooove them. I really enjoyed every aspect of this lecture so I don't have much to complain about! Ciao!