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Dimitar Todorov, aujourd'hui septuagénaire, est l'un des artistes bulgares qui ont mis les bases du dessin animé en Bulgarie.

Il débute en tant que peintre et caricaturiste et collabore, en qualité de dessinateur, avec les revues pour enfants: «L'étendard des enfants», «La luciole» et «Le monde des enfants». Cela se passe à l'époque où les films animés de Disney conquéraient toujours davantage le public de tous âges.

Dimitar Todorov poursuit dans des conditions précaires, un appareil de projection spécial, et prenant ensuite quelques pages sur le tas des dessins réalisés pour les revues destinées aux enfants — dessins aux attitudes de mouvement en plein déroulement — il les mit bout à bout et les projeta à l'aide de l'appareil conçu par lui.

Cette projection mit au jour un commencement du mouvement cinématographique des dessins. La création de la cinématographie d'Etat bulgare permit à ce pionnier du film d'animation de développer ses possibilités artistiques dans ce domaine. De concert avec un groupe de peintres enthousiastes, D. Todorov jeta les bases des studios bulgares «Risuvan film» (Film dessiné) où certains participants à la réalisation de nombreux films d'animation.

Nombre de ces films sont destinés aux enfants à l'égard desquels il a toujours manifesté une affection et une compréhension des plus profondes. Parmi les films d'animation pour enfants réalisés par D. Todorov, il convient de mentionner: «Tu l'as voulu, t'en plains pas!», «Le loup et l'agneau» et «La République de la forêt», etc.

Présentement, Dimitar Todorov poursuit son activité dans un domaine cher à son cœur: la peinture. L'année dernière, une de ses toiles a été primée par l'Association des peintres de Bulgarie.

Nous souhaitons de tout cœur longue vie et de nombreux succès à ce pionnier et animateur enthousiaste.