



## Studio Ghibli: The Force Is With Them

A small and ambiguous announcement recently made by Studio Ghibli could mean big changes for the studio and the works it plans on producing. On November 10, the studio tweeted out a silent video, simply depicting Lucas Studios' logo which then fades into their own personal title screen. This led to a great deal of speculation about what possible project(s) the two famous studios could be working on together. Lucas Films has collaborated with many animation studios over the years, to create shows like *The Clone Wars*, or *Star Wars Rebels*. Many hoped that this announcement meant a long term collaboration in order to create another, similar show. The signature animation style of Studio Ghibli is widely beloved, especially when it comes to the way that food is depicted in their films. Many fans expressed the desire to see the many creative and bizarre foods that come from the *Star Wars* franchise to be animated in said style. Two days of anticipation later on November 12, a Disney Short, hand animated by Studio Ghibli, was released titled *Zen-Grogu and the Dust Bunnies*. The hand crafted style of this short is much different than the 3-d computer rendered animation style that Disney has made their trademark, yet it works very well with the cuteness and simplicity of its story. Many now hope that this short is just the beginning of a longer series of collaborations in the future. These two studios have been widely beloved for many

years, each for being a unique approach and powerful world building to the film world.

Their continued work together could lead to new innovations in breathtaking and complex storytelling of worlds far beyond our imagination.