

New Pixar Cars Short: Unidentified Flying Mater

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Directed **John Lasseter**, Pixar's co-founder and director of *Toy Story 1 & 2*, *A Bug's Life* and *Cars* (along with co-director **Rob Gibbs**), *Unidentified Flying Mater* is the fifth in a series of *Cars* short films (originally titled "Cars-toons"). The computer animated short premiered on The Disney Channel on Friday, November 20th 2009.

Mater tells a tall tale about the time he met a UFO and saved him from a group of government scientists in this Cars Toon. Mater finds a small UFO called Mator and they have a night out. When Mator is captured by the military forces, Mater saves him with the help of Lightning McQueen and Mator's mother.

Also of note: An older press release claims that **Mark Mothersbaugh** ("Devo") composed the music for the short film. Watch the full short film, embedded after the jump.