

Animation-Illustration Program

Achievements

Program Coordinators:
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The San Jose State Animation/Illustration Program is consistently ranked as one of the premier university programs in the nation. Originally conceived to give local, minority, and at-risk students a chance to compete in careers in film, television and gaming, SJSU Animation/Illustration maintains that goal by actively recruiting students from local high schools and community colleges. Nevertheless, as the program has achieved prominence, it has attracted students nationally and internationally. Outcomes are consistently good and students regularly win prestigious national and international recognition at festivals, exhibitions and screenings and have gained opportunities for internships and employment at leading studios and corporations.

Feature Film Contributions:

Artificial Intelligence (A.I.)	The Mummy Returns
Atlantis	The Tale of Despereaux
Beowulf	The Spiderwick Chronicles
Beverly Hills Chihuahua	Osmosis Jones
Bewitched	Peter Pan
Bringing Out the Dead	Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl
A Bug's Life	Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest
Cars	Poseidon
Cloverfield	Punch Drunk Love
Curious George	Ratatouille
Dreamcatcher	Shrek II
The Emperor's New Groove	Shrek III
Eight Crazy Nights	Shrek Goes Forth (forthcoming)
Finding Nemo	Signs
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	The Simpsons
Hellboy	Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas
Home on the Range	Space Cowboys
Horton Hears a Who	Star Wars Episode I
The Hulk	Star Wars Episode II
Ice Age II	Star Wars Episode III
Ice Age III	Terminator III
The Incredibles	The Tigger Movie
Iron Giant	Toy Story
Indiana Jones and the Crystal Skull	Toy Story II
Iron Man	Up (forthcoming PIXAR)
Joseph: King of Dreams	Van Helsing
Lemony Snickett	Wall-E
Magnolia	
Madagascar	
Men in Black II	
Mission Impossible III	
Mission To Mars	
Monsters, Inc.	
The Island	
The Mummy	

Awards 2003-2008:

Chanel Frederator Awards 2008: Best Traditional Film, and Cartoon of the Year

Ohio Independent Film Fest: Best Comedic Short

Slamdance Film Festival Anarchy Online Competition: Winner

Berkeley Video & Film Fest: Grand Festival Award

ASIFA East Film Festival 2006: Third Place

Cinequest 2006 Audience Choice Award: Best Short Film

The 44th Ann Arbor Film Festival 2006: Prix DeVarti Funniest Film Award

Silver Lake Film Festival 2006: Best Short Film - Animated

Calgary Underground Film Festival 2006: Jury Honorable Mention

Arizona International Film Festival 2006: Special Recognition Award

ASIFA-EAST Animation Festival 2006: Best in Show

New Haven Underground Film Festival 2006: Best Director (SJSU Lecturer David Chai)

Jacksonville Film Festival 2006: Best Short

Newport International Film Festival 2006: Short Film Honorable Mention

Michigan Independent Film Fest: Best Animated Short

2005 International Student Film Festival: Winner

Adobe Design Achievement Awards 2005: Finalist

Radio Alice 3-Minute Film Festival 2005: First Place Animation Category

Society of Illustrators Student Scholarship Competition 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

Student Placement:

20th Century Fox, 3DO, ArenaNet, Backbone Entertainment, Blizzard Entertainment, Blue Sky, The Cartoon Network, Cryptic Studios, Crystal Dynamics, Digital Eclipse, Disney Interactive, Disney International, DreamWorks SKG, DreamWorks PDI, Electronic Arts, Eidos Interactive, Factor 5, Film Roman (The Simpsons), Framestore CFC, Ghostbot Studio, Hallmark Cards, Ice Blink/Image Movers, Industrial Light and Magic, Leapfrog, Lightsource Studios, LucasArts, LucasFilm Animation, LucasFilm, Mattel, Milton Bradley, Mondo Media, My Picture Book, Namco, National Geographic Magazine, NBC-Universal Studios, Nickelodeon Network, Nihilistic Software, Opera San Jose, The Orphanage, Picture Mill, Pirate Games, PIXAR, Playfirst Games, Red Storm Games, Rockstar Games, Rough Draft Studios, San Francisco Chronicle, San Jose Mercury News, SG Games, Sligpate Ironworks, Sony/Columbia, Sony Entertainment, Sony Games, Sony Pictures, Stormfront, Take Two Games Visual Concepts, Tippett Studios, Walt Disney Feature Animation, Warner Bros., WebJuice, Wild Brain, Z-Axis

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Recent Campus Guests:

Guilluame Aremios: Director, DreamWorks Visual Development Master Class and Critique

Jeff Biancalana: Story Artist, Blue Sky Studio

James Gurney: Children's book illustrator and author "Dinotopia" series

Dalma Bolech: Electronic Arts Portfolio Review and Critique

Connie Chao: HP-SJSU Contact, Digital Lab Meetings and Public Opening

Tim Cheung: DreamWorks Digital Animation Master Class and Critique

Sabrina de Losrios: Blue Sky Studio Recruiting Presentation and Critique

Clarie Erwin: Adobe Education Marketing

Colin Fix: Ice Blink Studio Presentation and Critique

Gustaf Fjelstrom: Design Reactor Art Director, Senior Show Critique

Marilyn Friedman: DreamWorks Portfolio Review and Critique

Ghostbot Studio: Artists and Animator presentation

Frank Gladstone: DreamWorks, History of Animation Presentation

Rex Grignon: DreamWorks Animation Master Classes and Critique

Cindy Haugh: Electronic Arts Digital Lab Opening

Alexander Garcia: SJSU Outstanding Professor (Physics), Physics of Motion Lecture

Steve Hickner: Director, DreamWorks, SKG

Thomas Hoon: Visual Development Presentation

Shannon Jeffries: DreamWorks Visual Development Master Classes and Critique

Jeffrey Katzenberg: CEO, DreamWorks, SKG

Noah Klocek: PIXAR Visual Development Artist Presentation

Kevin Knight: Microsoft Games, Recruiting and Senior Show Critique

Rob Koo: DreamWorks Portfolio Review and Critique

Jack Lew: Electronic Arts Presentation and Portfolio Review and Critique

Wayne Lo: Factor 5 Visual Development Artist Presentation

Dela Longfish: Sony Visual Development Presentation and Critique, LucasArts

Robert MacKenzie: Blue Sky Studio Visual Development Critique/Demo

Brad Maihack: HP Controller & Director of Finance, SJSU Recruiting

Cathy McQuitty: Hallmark Cards Character Workshop and Critique

Nino Navarra: Ironworks Visual Development Artist Presentation and Critique

Teddy Newton: Story and Development, Pixar

Ramon Olivera: Hallmark Cards Character Workshop and Critique

Ruben Perez: Artist, DreamWorks PDI

Steve Pilcher: Director, Pixar

Jason Reisig: Animator, DreamWorks SKG

Jason Ryan: Animator, Walt Disney Feature Animation

Jeff Sangalli: Visual Development Artist, LucasArts

Gary Silver: Walt Disney Animator/Artist Lecture

Pat Smith: Independent Animator Presentation

Debra Stone: University relations, Walt Disney Feature Animation

Jeff Snow: Story Artist, DreamWorks SKG

Sean Tabatabai: EnvisionMedia-fundraising session

Mark Toback: EnvisionMedia-fundraising session

Glenn Vilppu: Drawing Master Class and Critique

Joe Weatherly: Animal Drawing Workshop-Oakland Zoo

Screenings 2003-2008:

3x3 Student Awards Competition
Anchorage International Film Festival 2005

AniFest International Festival of Animated Films 2006, 2007

Annecy Plus 2006

30th Annual Atlanta Film Festival, 2006

Brooklyn International Film Festival, 2006

Canadian Film Centre's World-wide Short Film Festival 2006

Fear No Film Festival, 2006

Harry M. Warner Festival of Short Films and Video 2006

Hi Mom! Film Fest 2006

Hi/Lo Film Festival 2006

12th International Film Festival Etiuda & Anima 2005

Ion Animation, Games and Film Festival 2006

Kalamazoo Animation Festival International 2003, 2005

Kansas City Filmmakers Jubilee 2006

Lake Placid Film Festival

Maryland Film Festival 2006

Maui Film Festival 2006

Melbourne International Film Festival, 2006

Motor City International Film Festival

Newport Beach Film Festival 2006

New York City Short Film Festival 2005

Northwest Asian American Film Festival 2006

Ohlone College Film, Video, and Multimedia Festival 2005

Palm Springs International Short Film Festival

15th Annual Philadelphia Film Festival 2006

Planet Ant Film Festival

Port City Animation Festival 2005

Portland International Short Film Festival

San Diego Asian Film Festival

San Francisco Independent Film Festival 2006

Seattle International Film Festival, 2006

10th Seoul International Cartoon & Animation Festival 2006, 2007

Silver Lake Film Festival, 2007
Slamdance 2004

Society of Illustrators Student Scholarship Competition 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

Southside Film Festival, 2006

Spike and Mike Animation

Sundance Film Festival 2006

The Victoria Independent Film & Video Festival 2006

World of Comedy Festival Cinema 2003, 2006