

Computer



COMPUTER ANIMATION AT RINGLING COLLEGE

Ringling College Computer Animation students do it all. In our world-renowned animation program, you will learn to create characters and tell their stories, as well as design, paint, model, texture, animate, light, composite, and edit original films. As a Computer Animation student, you will combine essential technical skills with conceptually original ideas that affect an audience emotionally, visually, and intellectually.

This mix of talents is why we have been called the number one computer animation program in North America and why animation studios from all over the world look to us for the best and the brightest. Our graduates go on to win in film festivals and Student Academy Awards and become tomorrow's top animated filmmakers.

EMPLOYERS

BLUESKY STUDIOS
CARTOON NETWORK
DREAMWORKS ANIMATION
ELECTRONIC ARTS
LAIKA
LUCASFILM
MOONBOT STUDIOS
NICKELODEON
PIXAR ANIMATION STUDIOS
REELFX
SONY PICTURES IMAGEWORKS
WALT DISNEY FEATURE ANIMATION
WETA DIGITAL

INTERNSHIPS

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WALT DISNEY FEATURE ANIMATION



AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

**RANKED THE #1
COMPUTER ANIMATION
PROGRAM IN
NORTH AMERICA BY
3D WORLD MAGAZINE**

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**2016 STUDENT ACADEMY
AWARDS - THIS IS THE
12TH FOR RINGLING
COLLEGE COMPUTER
ANIMATION SINCE 1988**

**14 RINGLING COLLEGE
ALUMNI WORKED ON
2016 OSCAR-WINNER
INSIDE OUT**

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**SIGGRAPH: 2015 BEST
COMPUTER ANIMATED
SHORT, PROFESSIONAL
AND STUDENT
CATEGORIES**

**SIGGRAPH ELECTRONIC
THEATER: 30 WINNERS**

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**21 RINGLING COLLEGE
ALUMNI WORKED ON
ZOOTOPIA**

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**RINGLING COLLEGE
ALUMNI HAVE WORKED
ON EVERY OSCAR-
WINNING BEST ANIMATED
FEATURE SINCE 2003.**

**RINGLING COLLEGE
ALUMNI HAVE WORKED
ON 48 OF THE 50 TOP
GROSSING ANIMATED
FEATURE FILMS OF ALL
TIME**

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**SIGGRAPH ASIA
BEST OF SHOW 2009**

FACILITIES AND STUDIO SPACE

The Ringling College Computer Animation Department boasts eight state-of-the-art computer labs in addition to three open labs. We also have a render farm with thousands of cores and are capable of rendering a complete feature film right here on campus.

VISITING ARTISTS

**STEVE HICKNER, DREAMWORKS ANIMATION
ARMAND SERRANO, WALT DISNEY FEATURE ANIMATION
KEVIN JOHNSON, BAGDASARIAN PRODUCTIONS
MICHAEL CLAUSEN, EPIC GAMES
ANDREW BEDDINI, BLUE SKY STUDIOS
BRYCE MCGOVERN, SONY PICTURES IMAGEWORKS
MICHAEL PEDRO, CERTAIN AFFINITY
HAMILTON LEWIS, DREAMWORKS
ERIC DROBILE, REELFX
TROY ADAMS, RIOT GAMES**

CRITIQUES WITH INDUSTRY GIANTS

To further inform the work of our fourth year students, we bring in renowned, successful visiting artists to participate in milestone critiques. Coming from the top studios, brands, and businesses in the industry, our artists offer a relevant, real-world perspective to bring student thinking out of the classroom into the professional arena. This process provides our students with invaluable feedback from the best of the best in the field, which they can immediately apply to their current works in process.

FACULTY

Our faculty is comprised of seasoned animation industry veterans who are passionate about shaping the next generation of creative leaders through our hands-on studio model of teaching.

JAMES MCCAMPBELL
BFA Communication Design
University of Tennessee

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WALA ALHADAD
MFA Visual Development
Academy of Art University

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JEREMY CANTOR
BFA Illustration/Computer Science
Marywood University

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PAUL DOWNS
BFA Computer Animation
Ringling College of Art and Design

DEBORAH HEALY
MFA Filmmaking/Animation
Montclair State University

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STEWART LEITH
MFA Animation and Visual
Development
Academy of Art University

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BILLY MERRITT
BFA Computer Animation
Ringling College of Art and Design

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HEATHER THOMSON
BFA Computer Animation
Ringling College of Art and Design

ED GAVIN
MFA Computer Arts
Florida Atlantic University

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DOMINIC AVANT
BFA Illustration
Rhode Island School of Design

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JAMES MARTIN
BFA Illustration
Art Center College of Design

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GARY SCHUMER
MFA Painting
Ohio University

SEAN MCLAUGHLIN
BFA Computer Animation
Ringling College of Art and Design

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KAREN SULLIVAN
MFA Computer Animation
University of Massachusetts

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ANDY WELIHOZKIY
BFA Computer Animation
Ringling College of Art and Design

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RON ZEITLER
BFA Computer Animation
Ringling College of Art and Design

