

# COMPUTER ANIMATION



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.

## 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.

## 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.

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- RANKED THE #1 COMPUTER ANIMATION PROGRAM IN NORTH AMERICA BY *3D WORLD MAGAZINE*
- 2017 STUDENT ACADEMY AWARDS - THIS IS THE 13TH FOR RINGLING COLLEGE COMPUTER ANIMATION SINCE 1998
- 14 RINGLING COLLEGE ALUMNI WORKED ON 2016 OSCAR-WINNER *INSIDE OUT*
- SIGGRAPH: 2015 BEST COMPUTER ANIMATED SHORT, PROFESSIONAL AND STUDENT CATEGORIES
- SIGGRAPH ELECTRONIC THEATER: 30 WINNERS
- 21 RINGLING COLLEGE ALUMNI WORKED ON *ZOOTOPIA*
- 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
- SIGGRAPH ASIA: BEST OF SHOW 2009

## 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

**BRUCE MCGOVERN**, SONY  
PICTURES IMAGEWORKS

**MICHAEL PEDRO**, CERTAIN  
AFFINITY

**HAMILTON LEWIS**,  
DREAMWORKS

**ERIC DROBILE**, REEL FX  
**TROY ADAMS**, RIOT GAMES



## INTERSHIPS

BLUE SKY STUDIOS  
DREAMWORKS  
ANIMATION  
ELECTRONIC ARTS  
GENERAL MOTORS  
HASBRO

LAIKA ENTERTAINMENT  
MAGIC LEAP  
NICKELODEON  
PIXAR ANIMATION  
STUDIOS  
PSYOP

REEL FX  
THE MILL  
SONY PICTURES  
IMAGWORKS  
WALT DISNEY FEATURE  
ANIMATION

## EMPLOYERS

BLIZZARD  
ENTERTAINMENT  
BLUE SKY STUDIOS  
CARTOON NETWORK  
DREAMWORKS  
ANIMATION  
ELECTRONIC ARTS  
GENERAL MOTORS  
GREENHAUS GFX  
HASBRO

JIBJAB MEDIA  
LAIKA ENTERTAINMENT  
LUCASFILM  
METHOD STUDIOS  
MOVING PICTURE  
COMPANY  
NICKELODEON  
PIXAR ANIMATION  
STUDIOS  
PSYOP

REEL FX  
SONY PICTURES  
IMAGWORKS  
THE MILL  
THE THIRD FLOOR  
WALT DISNEY FEATURE  
ANIMATION  
WETA DIGITAL

## 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

**STEWART LEITH**  
MFA Animation and Visual  
Development  
Academy of Art University

**ED GAVIN**  
MFA Computer Arts  
Florida Atlantic University

**DOMINIC AVANT**  
BFA Illustration  
Rhode Island School  
of Design

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BFA Illustration  
Art Center College  
of Design

**GARY SCHUMER**  
MFA Painting  
Ohio University

**JEREMY CANTOR**  
BFA Illustration/Computer  
Science  
Marywood University

**SEAN MCLAUGHLIN**  
BFA Computer Animation  
Ringling College of Art  
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**KAREN SULLIVAN**  
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