



3D Character Animation

Bringing unforgettable characters to life.



Ringling College
of Art + Design

Here's a sneak peek →



Ringling College 3D Character 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.

Faculty

Our faculty consists of animation industry veterans with expertise spanning feature films, visual effects, television, commercials, and video game production. Their experience includes work with renowned studios such as **Pixar, Disney, DreamWorks, Blue Sky Studios, Sony Pictures Animation, Netflix, ILM, Paramount Animation, Reel FX, Psyop, Cartoon Network, Nickelodeon, Electronic Arts, Rockstar Games, and Warner Bros. Games.**

Industry Critiques

To further inform the work of our fourth-year students, we bring in renowned visiting artists to participate in milestone critiques. Coming from the top studios in the industry, these artists offer a relevant, real-world perspective to bring student thinking out of the classroom and into the professional arena.



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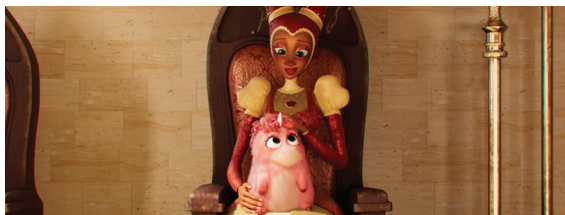
Facilities and Studio Space

The Ringling College 3D Character 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 multiple feature films right here on campus.

Awards and Accolades

Ringling's 3D Character Animation program is consistently ranked as the #1 animation program nationally and in the world, by *The Rookies* and *Animation Magazine*. Last year, *The Hollywood Reporter* named Ringling College one of the Top Animation Schools.

The program boasts an impressive 17 Student Academy Awards, 3 Student Emmys, 2 Best Student Film awards at SIGGRAPH, and Ringling alumni have worked on every Oscar-winning Best Animated Feature since 2003.



Cover from top left: *allisk8r* by Anna Prado '17; *Bent Out of Shape* by Chloe Merwin '23; *Mind Games* by Jiaqi Emily Yan '18; *In a Heartbeat* by Beth David and Esteban Bravo; *Brain Divided* by Joon Soo Song, Joon Shik Song, and Josiah Haworth '13; *Bonbon Voyage* by Emma Ream '23; *The Box Assassin* by Jeremy Schaefer '21; *My Cat Lucy* by Kate Vaillant '22; *Jinxy Jenkins and Lucky Lou* Michael Bidingier '14 and Michelle Kwon '14; *Invisible* by Michael Trikosko and Andrew Wilson '16; *Final Deathtination* by Marika Tamura '21; *Butterfly Business* by Amanda Mai '24
Right bottom: *Pookems IV* by Veronica Drescher and Gabrielle Ann Thomas '26

Employers

Aardman Animation
 Animal Logic
 Apple
 Bento Box Entertainment
 Blizzard Entertainment
 Blur Studio
 Cartoon Network
 Disney Animation Studios
 DreamWorks Animation
 Electronic Arts
 Epic Games
 General Motors
 Glitch Productions
 Hasbro
 Hornet
 Illumination
 Laika
 Lucasfilm
 Marvel Studios
 Netflix Animation
 Nickelodeon
 Paramount Animation
 Pixar Animation Studios
 Psypop
 Reel FX
 Riot Games
 Rockstar Games
 Skydance Animation
 Sony Imageworks
 Sony Pictures Animation
 The Mill
 The Third Floor
 Warner Bros. Animation
 Warner Bros. Games
 Weta Digital

Internships

Blizzard Entertainment
 Disney Animation Studios
 DreamWorks Animation
 Electronic Arts
 General Motors
 Hasbro
 Hornet
 Laika
 Nickelodeon
 Pixar Animation Studios
 Psypop
 Reel FX
 Riot Games
 Sony Imageworks
 The Third Floor
 Warner Bros. Animation

Alumni Highlights

Joshua Beveridge '04

Animation Director,
KPop Demon Hunters

Jeff Fowler '02

Director, Executive
Producer,
Sonic the Hedgehog films

Alan Hawkins '04

Director
Hotel Transylvania 5

Karl Hadrika '13

Emmy Award Winning
Storyboard Artist,
Spindlehorse

Stanley Moore '10

Creator, Writer,
Studio Owner,
Netflix's *In Your Dreams*

Patrick Osborne '03

Oscar-Winning Director,
Disney's *Feast*, Netflix's
Love Death & Robots,
Netflix's *Magic the
Gathering*

Liron Topaz '09

Director,
DreamWorks

Michael Yates '14

Creator, Writer, Director,
Pixar's *Win or Lose*

Kevin Temmer '15

Creative Supervisor
Glitch Productions

Echo Wu '16

Creator, Writer, Director,
Netflix's *Jentry Chau vs.
The Underworld*

Lindsey Olivares '09

Production Designer,
Netflix's *Mitchell vs. The
Machines*

Ringling College alumni have also worked on the following recent blockbuster animated feature films:

Toy Story 5

30 Alumni

KPop Demon Hunters

15 Alumni
including Animation Director

The Bad Guys 2

12 Alumni

Inside Out 2

24 Alumni

Puss in Boots:

The Last Wish

15 Alumni

Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse

12 Alumni
including Head of
Character Animation

The Wild Robot

15 Alumni

Hoppers

20 Alumni

Moana 2

12 Alumni

Nimona

18 Alumni

Trolls Band Together

18 Alumni

Elemental

14 Alumni
including Art Director and
Crowd Supervisor

Encanto

18 Alumni

Mitchells vs. The Machines

11 Alumni
including Production Designer
and Head of Character Animation

Zootopia 2

20 Alumni

Goat

20 Alumni

Incredibles 2

20 Alumni

Spies in Disguise

27 Alumni

The Bad Guys

14 Alumni

Luca

17 Alumni

The Sea Beast

10 Alumni
including Head of
Character Animation

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem

9 Alumni

Leo

9 Alumni
including Animation Director

Paul Downs

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