

# Brian Leif Hansen

Animator / Animation Supervisor / Animation Director

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## Profile

I've been in the animation industry for 25 years, most of this time I have been animating, starting at The Animation Workshop in Viborg, Denmark and then weaving my way through the industry at the time of the Stop Motion renaissance.

Throughout this time my real enjoyment comes from the process of animating, of taking a still object and giving it life. I enjoy the performance, being the off screen actor, bringing the words and action from the script to life.

At the end of 2018 I was put in charge of the Animation team on GDT's Pinocchio. In this new role I found immense enjoyment working closer with the rest of the team building the film, from each department, and taking my experience from all the different studio settings I have worked in and applying only what I thought to be the best ideas of how to set up an Animation team for success.

Most recently I've been directing the animation on the TV show "In the Know" for US streamer Peacock, which was great joy, in that we continued to work with the incredibly talented crew from the two films recently made here in Portland (Wendell & Wild and GDT's Pinocchio) so lots of energy and talent was put into the performance of the characters.

Filmography: **In the Know, GDT's Pinocchio, Missing Link, Kubo and the Two Strings, Ma vie de Courgette, The BoxTrolls, Paranorman, Frankenweenie, The Great Bear, Fantastic Mr. Fox, Tim Burton's Corpse Bride, Max & Co, The Tale of Sir Richard, Little People, Kiwi & Strit, Billy Boy, Eat Shit And Die and The Koala Brothers.**

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# Experience

## **In The Know**

1 Jan 2023 to 1 Oct 2023

Portland OR USA

Animation Director

Stop motion animation TV series

Directed by Zach Woods, Brandon Gardner for Bandera Ent. and Shadow Machine

## **Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio**

1 Jan 2018 to 1 Sep 2022

Portland OR USA

Animation Supervisor

Stop motion animation feature

Produced by GDT, Jim Henson and Shadow Machine

## **Missing Link**

1 May 2016 to 14 Dec 2018

Portland OR USA

Animator

Stop motion animation feature

Produced by Travis Knight, Arianne Sutner, Laika

## **Kubo and the Two Strings**

15 Aug 2014 to 1 April .2016

Portland OR USA

Animator

Stop motion animation feature

Produced by Travis Knight, Arianne Sutner, Laika

## **Ma vie de Courgette**

15 June 2014 to 1 Aug 2014

Lyon France

Animator

Stop motion animation feature

Produced by Rita Productions, Blue Spirit

## **The BoxTrolls**

21 OKt 2012 to 15 Marts .2014

Portland OR USA

Animator

Stop motion animation feature

Produced by David Ichioka, at Laika

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**Paranorman**

3 Jan 2012 to 2 Marts 2012                      Portland OR USA  
Animator  
Stop motion animation feature  
Produced by Arianne Sutner, at Laika

**Frankenweenie**

1 Aug .2010 to 9 Dec 2011                      London , UK  
Lead Animator  
Stop motion animation feature  
Produced by Allison Abbate, and Burning Windmills Ltd

**The Great Bear**

1 Aug 2009 to 1 May 2010                      Copenhagen , DK  
Animator  
CG animation feature in Maya  
Produced by Petter Lindblad Copenhagen Bombay Aps

**Fantastic Mr Fox**

12 May 2008 to 5 june 2009                      London , UK  
Key Animator  
Stop Motion animation feature  
Produced by Wes Anderson and Allison Abbate

**Kiwi and Strit**

28 Aug .2007 to 2 Okt 2007                      Copenhagen , DK  
Animator  
CG animation short 5 min. in Maya  
Produced by Copenhagen Bombay Aps

**Eat Shit And Die**

12 Marts 2007 to 6 July 2007                      Copenhagen , DK  
Animator  
CG animation short 22 min. in 3D Max  
Produced by Copenhagen Bombay Aps

**Max & Co**

29 May 2006 to 16 Dec 2006                      Romont , CH  
Animator  
Stop Motion animation feature  
Produced by Cinemagination SA

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**The Koala Brothers**

1 Nov 2005 to 23 April 2006 London, UK

Animator

Stop Motion animation series 25 x 10 min

Produced by Stockwell Production

For BBC / Disney

**Orla Frøsnapper**

23 Jan 2006 to 01 Marts 2006 Copenhagen, DK

Animator

CG animation short 10 min. in Softimage XSI

Produced by WilFilm

**The Koala Brothers**

10 Sep .2005 to 21 Okt 2005 London, UK

Animator

Stop Motion animation Christmas Special 45 min

Produced by Stockwell Production

For BBC / Disney

**Tim Burton's Corpse Bride**

27 Sep .2004 to 24 June 2005 London, UK

Animator

Stop Motion animation feature

Produced by Allison Abbate

For Warner Bros. Productions Limited

**The Koala Brothers**

16 June 2003 to 24 Sep 2004 London, UK

Animator

Stop Motion animation series 52 x 10 min

Produced by Famous Flying Films For BBC / Disney

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## EDUCATION

### **Student**

The Animation Workshop - Viborg, DK

12 Marts 2001 to 22 June 2001

Second part of character animation for puppet animators

Including : Richard Williams Master Classes

### **Intern**

Hamilton Mattress - Bristol, UK

20 Nov 2000 to 20 Dec 2000

Stop motion animation, half-hour special.

Produced by Harvest Films. For BBC Bristol

### **Animator**

Nanok - Copenhagen, DK

1 Feb.2000 to 28 April 2000

Stop motion animation film 7 min

Produced by The National Danish Film School

### **Student**

The Animation Workshop - Viborg, DK

1 Nov 1999 to 28 Jan 2000

Course in character animation for puppet animators

With fine mentors such as Barry Purves, Mike Belzer,

Richard Zimmerman and Dave Borthwick

## TALKS / TEACHING

### **SPARK RELOADED 2023 Vancouver BC**

One day Talk about about Pinocchio, my paths and give out some StopMo tricks and hints

### **Animation Art Day 2023 Pinocchio exhibition**

Presenting the arts and crafts of the Pinocchio Animation team

### **Spark Animation Production Session Vancouver BC**

Presented Pinocchio behind-the-scenes with Mark Gustafson at the VIFF Center, Vancity Theatre

### **The University of Technology Sydney (UTS) Australia**

Talk about animation, techniques and the industry. Using my own work as a foundation and inspiration for the talk.

### **The Faculty of the Victorian College of the Arts Melbourne Australia**

Talk about animation, techniques and the industry. Using my own work as a foundation and inspiration for the talk.

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**Rødkilde Folk High School Denmark**

Talk about animation, techniques and the industry. Using my own work as a foundation and inspiration for the talk.

**Brenderup Folk High School Denmark (Teaching)**

Running a five day workshop where the students get an understanding of what stop motion is and they made a little short film.

**YWCA (KFUK). London UK**

Talk about animation techniques and the industry. Using my own work as a foundation and inspiration for the talk.