

Brian Leif Hansen

Animator / Animation Supervisor / Animation Director

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

Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio

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

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

Paranorman

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

The Koala Brothers

1 Now 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

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.

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

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