

Suzanne Twining

Stop-motion Animator / Animation Director / Educator

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Work Experience

Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio - senior stop-motion animator • April - Aug 2022
Shadow Machine NW - stop-motion feature film for Netflix directed by Guillermo del Toro

Wendell & Wild - Netflix - lead stop-motion animator • August 2019 - April 2022
stop-motion feature film directed by Henry Selick

Shadow Machine NW - stop-motion animator
The Shivering Truth - season 1 for Cartoon Network's Adult Swim • March - July 2018
Happy Honda Days - commercial spot for So Cal Honda • October 2018

HouseSpecial - staff animator specializing in stop-motion • April 2015 - Dec 2017
- freelance stop-motion animator • Nov 2014 - March 2015 • 2018 - present
commercial clients include - Planters, Haagen Dazs, Ohio Lottery, PSE, Custom Ink, Chipotle, Travel Portland, Dish TV, Noosa, M&M'S Mars
Jailbreak - studio short film • also trained and worked in Maya computer animation

Screen Novelties - animation director / animation supervisor
Elf, Buddy's Musical Christmas - CBS prime time holiday special • April - Oct 2014

Tumble Leaf - lead stop-motion animator
Bix Pix Entertainment - preschool series for Amazon Prime • Aug - Nov 2013 • Feb - April 2014

Bent Image Lab - freelance stop-motion animator • 2002 – present
House of Robots - James Patterson, animated web series • Oct - Nov 2014
Organs by the Uncluded - music video, lead animator • April - May 2013
Jingle and Bell's Christmas Star - Hallmark Channel, lead animator • Jun - Aug 2012
Portlandia, Rats - IFC Television • Dec 2012
commercial clients include - Reese's Pieces, Oregon Lottery, Nickelodeon, Cartoon Network, CBS Television, Mills Malls, P&G Always, Tractor Supply Co., Kellogg's Fruit Twistables, Kellogg's Fruity Pebbles, Lowe's, Otrivin, Windows Phone, Hasbro

LAIKA /entertainment - feature film stop-motion animator
The Boxtrolls Dec 2013 - Feb 2014
ParaNorman Feb 2011 - Mar 2012
Coraline Dec 2006 - Nov 2008

LAIKA /house - commercial stop-motion animator
Sony - "Mind of a Child" spot directed by Wes Anderson • March 2012
Planters - "Party, Holiday Card" • Oct - Nov 2010

ShadowMachine LA - television series stop-motion animator

Frankenhole - season 1 for Cartoon Network's Adult Swim • Oct 2009 – Dec 2009

Robot Chicken - season 1 & 2 for Cartoon Network's Adult Swim • Oct 2004 - Mar 2005
Nov 2005, Mar - May 2006

Bix Pix Entertainment - television special stop-motion animator

Holidaze - CBS Television prime time holiday special • Jul - Oct 2006

Scopas Medien & Clay Art - short film lead stop-motion animator

Frau Holle - for German television, shot in Frankfurt. Aired as part of the television series "Tales from Around the World." • Oct 2003 - April 2004

Wholesome Products - television series stop-motion animator

Phantom Investigators - kids series for WB Television • Jul 2001 - Jan 2002

Will Vinton Studios - television series stop-motion animator

The PJs - Fox/WB Television, family series, seasons 2 & 3 • Jun 1999 - Mar 2001

MTV Animation - television series stop-motion animator

Celebrity Deathmatch - MTV comedy series, seasons 1 & 2 • April 1998 - April 1999

Education

1994-1997 The University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA • Bachelor of Fine Arts in Animation

Teaching Experience, Workshops and Lectures

Independent Learning Project, Portland, OR • Oct – May 2018

Mentorship program, helping an 8th grader with their stop-motion project

NW Film Center, Portland, OR • July – Aug. 2013

Jr. Animation Summer Camp - Instructor for week long camp for kids ages 8-12.
Four different classes learned the art and skills of stop-motion and worked together in groups to make a short film in one week.

Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD • April 17 –18, 2012

Visiting artist/guest speaker for animation department

Perry Hall Middle School, Baltimore, MD • April 2012

Visiting artist/guest speaker for 6th 7th and 8th grade art classes.

Tri-Valley High School Art Conference, OR • April 23, 2012 & 2010

Guest speaker, talking about careers in animation and the arts.

Siren Nation Film Festival, Portland, OR • Nov 6, 2011

“An Evening With Suzanne Twining” 90 minute talk about my career in animation and the creative process.

Reel Grrls, Seattle WA • Feb and July 2010

Instructor and mentor for week long animation camp for girls ages 8-18. Led animation demonstrations and helped students make a short film in one week.

Warm Springs Reservation, Warm Springs, OR • Oct 10, 2009

Animation workshop for children of all ages. Taught students how to make a stop-motion puppet with wire and clay. Led demonstration and helped students animate the puppets they built.

Hollywood Theater, Portland, OR • April 18, 2009

Animation workshop for kids. Led animation demonstration and helped students in a large group animate a shot together.

Filmography & Awards

“Put On A Happy Face,” 1997 • Winner of 1997 Student Academy Award in Animation

“Terminator Tomatoes,” 2001 • Selected to appear in over 80 film festivals world wide

References provided upon request

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