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# David Latour; Animator, Educator

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## Professional Experience

**ACADEMY of ART UNIVERSITY** ~ Animation Coordinator, Sept '10 - present  
Animation instruction of BFA and MFA students in the Animation and Visual Effects program.  
Promoted to Full-Time Animation Coordinator Sept 2011. Responsible for curriculum design and development, recruitment and supervision of part-time teaching staff.

**MEGA PICKLE ENTERTAINMENT** ~ Animation Lead, Apr '11 – Apr '15  
Supervise remote international team of animators and rigging artists. Responsible for work assignments, schedule and quality control. In addition, personally generating animation for in-game assets. Concurrent with role at Academy Art University and SAE Ex'pression College.

**SAE EX'PRESSION COLLEGE** ~ Course Director, Sept '10 – Aug '11  
Instruction and curriculum design for Game Art and Design class "Animation for Games".  
Creator/Director for *Morpheus Wardrobe Project*. Additional instruction for AVE classes "Reel Production" and "Animation 2"

**IMAGEMOVERS DIGITAL** ~ Animator, Aug '08 – Aug '10  
Animation and motion capture editing for "Disney's: A Christmas Carol" and "Mars Needs Moms". Also assisting with shot final/quality assurance.

**ACTIVISION (Z-AXIS)** ~ Senior/Lead Animator, Sept '04 – July '08  
In-game and cinematic animation and character development for X-Men3: the Official Movie Game. Provided animation support for development work on proprietary engine tools.  
Promoted to Lead Oct 2006. Additional animation and movement design for 4 unpublished titles (X-Men: Mutants, Wolverine, Drum Hero, and Call of Duty: Devil's Brigade). Cinematic work for "Quantum of Solace"

**ACADEMY of ART UNIVERSITY** ~ Professor, Sept '04 – July '10  
Concurrent with employment at Z-Axis and ImageMovers Digital. In the fall semester of 2004, instruction and course design for second year class "Character Development in Animation."  
From 2005-10 online directed study for several graduate students.

**INDUSTRIAL LIGHT + MAGIC** ~ Senior Animator, Sept '96 – Aug '04  
Creating character animation for use in seventeen feature films and three television commercials. Layout and storyboarding for sequences in 3 films. Blocking and layout of a large number of shots for Van Helsing. Designing tutorials and in-class workflow training for junior animators. Shot and camera layout on ILM digital short "Work in Progress". Served as producer/animator on the short CG animated film "Let Go". Helping production test proprietary animation tool 'Poseur'.

**WILDCARE** ~ Volunteer, May '97- present  
Concurrent with paid positions, care and treatment of injured and orphaned native wildlife for release back into wild. Training of non-releasable educational resident animals.  
Construction/design of animal enclosures and enrichment items. Artwork for newsletters, murals and education department needs. Children's face painting for promotional events.

## Skills and Software

Teaching	Camera Layout	MS Word
Curriculum Design	Maya 2.0 - 17.0	Shotgun
Painting	Mel Scripting	Cari/Zeno/Poseur
Software Testing	MotionBuilder	PerForce
Sculpting	Nuke	Unix/Linux/IRIX
Drawing	Softimage 2.0 - 3.5	Windows
Storyboarding	Photoshop	

## Achievements & Awards

Outstanding Performance  
1991 Ontario Collegiate Festival  
The Collected Works of Billy the Kid

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Colors in the Dark

Best Male Performance  
1991 Blyth Drama Festival  
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Outstanding Achievement in Design  
1990 National Collegiate Festival  
Colors in the Dark

Outstanding Student  
1989 Ontario Excellence in  
Public Education Award

## Education

Maya Master Training Class, S.F - Certified	2001
Sheridan College, CANADA - Diploma, Classical Animation	1993/96
C.H.S.S, CANADA – OAC Diploma	1986/91

## Interests & Hobbies

Acting, Sculpting, Figurine painting, Wildlife Rehabilitation, Paintball, PC/Console/VR Gaming

## Filmography <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0490323/>

Knob (2016), Art School of Horrors (215), The Boat Builder (2015), (Mar Needs Moms (2011), Disney's: A Christmas Carol (2009), Van Helsing (2004), Hulk (2003), Timeline (2003), Let Go (2003), Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2003), Men in Black II (2002), Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones (2002), The Time Machine (2002), Jurassic Park III (2001), The Mummy Returns (2001), The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle (2000), The Green Mile (1999), The Haunting (1999), Wild Wild West (2000), The Mummy (1999), Jack Frost (1998), Small Soldiers (1998), CPU (1997), Flubber (1997)