

JOHN VASSALLO

DIRECTOR
ANIMATOR
& CREATOR

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SKILLS

- Animation for emotional character performance, lip sync and acting, creature animation, mechanical and camera animation.
- Modeling and rigging of characters, including bipeds, quadrupeds, faces and creatures.
- Software: Maya, Photoshop, TV Paint, Shotgrid

EXPERIENCE

WILDBRAIN STUDIOS **2020 - PRESENT**

CREATIVE DIRECTOR: ANIMATION

- Created and Directed Development on multiple original Intellectual Properties.
- Wrote and Directed short Award winning animated film: *Lake Erie*
- Created and executed training programs for Animators.
- Supervised Animation and preproduction on *Sonic Prime* for Netflix

SONY IMAGEWORKS **2012-2013, 2014 - 2020**

LEAD ANIMATOR: VIVO, ANGRY BIRDS 2, SMALLFOOT, HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 2

- Lead a team of 15+ animators, helping create animated character performances
- Completed shot work on a number of sequences.
- Supervised marketing team, DVD extras and short film

SENIOR ANIMATOR: STORKS, CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 2, HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA

WALT DISNEY FEATURE ANIMATION **2014**

CHARACTER ANIMATOR: BIG HERO 6

- Created acting performances for multiple characters
- Big Hero 2014 Academy Award winner for best animated feature

PIXAR CANADA **2013**

CHARACTER ANIMATOR

- *Studio closed in the first two weeks of my employment

RAINMAKER ENTERTAINMENT **2011**

LEAD CHARACTER ANIMATOR: ESCAPE FROM PLANET EARTH

- Created character performances for feature animated film
- Mentored other animators on performance and technique
- Helped to develop specific animation styles for characters
- Tested rigs and quality control

WETA DIGITAL **2010-2011**

CHARACTER ANIMATOR: RISE OF THE PLANET OF THE APES

ANIMAL LOGIC **2010**

CHARACTER ANIMATOR: LEGEND OF THE GUARDIANS

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AWARDS

Recipient of multiple "Sony
Imageworks Applause Awards"
for outstanding performance

RHYTHM & HUES STUDIOS **2007-2010**

CHARACTER ANIMATOR: ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS,
INCREDIBLE HULK & OTHERS

LUMA PICTURES **2006-2007**

CHARACTER ANIMATOR

- Animated creatures, props and cameras for feature films

DIGITAL DOMAIN **2006**

CHARACTER ANIMATOR

- Animated characters and creatures for commercials and
game trailers

STARGATE FILMS **2003-2006**

VISUAL EFFECTS ARTIST & ANIMATOR

- Character animation, modeling, lighting and texturing for
photo real visual elements

EDUCATION

COLLEGE FOR CREATIVE STUDIES **1999-2003**

B.A., FINE ARTS, CONCENTRATION IN ANIMATION 2006

GNOMON SCHOOL OF VISUAL EFFECTS **2006, 2009**

MULTIPLE CHARACTER ANIMATION CLASSES TAUGHT BY
DREAMWORKS ANIMATORS