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Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, November 11, 1997
 L.A.SIGGRAPH Chapter meeting: Sending Animation to Remote
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- Call the SIGPHONE, 310-288-1148
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L.A. SIGGRAPH PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH WALT DISNEY FEATURE ANIMATION AND DREAM QUEST IMAGES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

The Program

6:30-7:30 Social Hour 7:30-9:00 Program

The Location

The Alex Theatre 216 N. Brand Blvd. Glendale, CA 91203

Directions

From the 134 freeway, exit Central/Brand Blvd., cross Central, then turn right (south) at Brand. Continue on Brand for 5 blocks. The Alex Theatre is on the left (east) side.

Parking

There are three parking

lots on Maryland between *Tin Soldier, Fantasia 2000* Wilson and California. Metered parking in the lots and on the street is not enforced after 6:00 PM.

Fees/Registration

This event is free to L.A. SIGGRAPH members and \$5 for non-members. New members who sign up on-site and pay the \$25 annual membership fee (checks or cash only) do not have to pay the \$5 registration fee.

The Event

The L.A. SIGGRAPH Chapter meeting on October 14th will be hosted by Walt Disney Feature Animation and Dream Quest Images. They will present recent work on *Fantasia 2000* and *George of the Jungle*.

Fantasia 2000, a continuation of Walt Disney's 1940 masterpiece, perpetuates Walt's dream for an everchanging and evolving *Fantasia*. It is comprised of three pieces from the original *Fantasia* as well as six new sequences which are currently in production at



Walt Disney Feature Animation. Through the visual pageantry of *Fantasia 2000*, Feature Animation will again meld the world's most memorable music with animation from a new generation of Disney artists.

Inspired by Hans Christian Anderson's classic tale, *The Steadfast Tin Soldier*, one of the films new sequences, is a love story about toys that come to life at midnight. This sequence features Dmitri Shostakovich's *Piano Concerto No. 2* with Yefim Bronfman as pianist. Don Ernst, Producer of *Eantacia 2000*, Hondel

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Butoy, Supervising Director for *Fantasia 2000*, and Steve Goldberg, CGI Lead on Tin Soldier will be presenting.



Shep, George of the Jungle

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Dream Quest Images will cover the development and

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creation of 2D and 3D "Shep," the CG elephant in George of the Jungle, Walt Disney Pictures' live action remake of the popular cartoon series.

Dream Quest produced extensive CG character animation to bring to life the computer-generated version of Shep, George's elephant playmate who doggedly believes himself to be a pup. The challenge for Dream Quest's visual effects team was to enhance the live footage of real-life elephant Tai with a large expressive dog-like eye, drooling tongue and wagging tail and seamlessly match the manipulated footage to their fully computer-generated elephant. This CG version of Shep exhibits the comical and impossibly canine mannerisms that even the talented Tai could not perform.

Presenters will be Paul Jordan, 3D Animation Supervisor and Technical Director; David Lauer, 2D Compositing Supervisor and Technical Director; and Bruce Wright, 3D Character Animator.

Program Coordinators

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