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Curious George Premiere

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The Orlando premiere of Curious George was a celebration of a job well done by local well-doers, Project Firefly. They are one of half a dozen or more animation houses that worked on the film. But these Disney vets did some of the best bits.

They showed up to demonstrate animation techniques. That's animator Ron Cohee, drawing the monkey. He was "tickled" by the film, admiring its "clean lines and very simple story." Yeah, I take my own pictures. Sorry. The animators brought their families to see how Universal colored and finished off their work for the film. Which is just adorable. Well, my kids sat still. Not an easy feat. Ask the theater where we went to see Robots about that. Animators aren't the most animated bunch you'll ever meet. but there were hoots and hugs all around when the lights came up.

Project Firefly chief Dominic Carola spoke of "keeping feature animation in Orlando," which Project Firefly is (among others) trying to do, and of the day when that Disney Lilo & Stitch/Brother Bear/Mulan "class will reunite. And Paolo Alvarado, Firefly's director of Story and Development, talked of "looking forward to teh day when we're in a theater celebrating our very own Project Firefly film." But director of animation Gregg Azzopardi gets the last Curious word. There with the wife and kid, he just grinned.

"It looks just beautiful. I love what they did with the colors. This is something to be proud of."