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Rickey Boyd Artist, Animation Director and Puppeteer



QUALIFICATIONS

Over 20 years experience as an artist, animation director and puppeteer in various film and television productions utilizing both traditional and computer techniques.

Traditional: Pencil, pen and ink, markers, watercolor, airbrush, sculpture.

Computer Software: Photoshop, Illustrator, After Effects, Toon Boom Storyboard Pro, Adobe Premiere.

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Shorter College, Rome, Georgia. BFA (Art and Theater) 1987.

WORK HISTORY

2023 Present **Freelance artist, animation director, and puppeteer.**

1999 to 2023 Magnetic Dreams Animation, Nashville, TN.

(aka ARMADA CONTENT)

Artist, animator and Creative Director: Created story art and story reels (animatics). Designed characters and directed animations for clients such as Sesame Workshop, AFLAC, and others. Have designed and/or directed numerous short films and /or effects related sequences for Sesame Street and Sesame. Included occasional script writing and voice work.

2019 to 2022 **Puppeteer: InTouch Ministries, Daily Wire Kids (see credits)**

Illustrator: Illustrated 5 children's books for SLUGS AND BUGS.

1988 to 2005 The Jim Henson Company: puppeteer (see performance credits)

1994 to 1999 Peppercorn Productions, The Nashville Network (TNN), Nashville TN.

Artist, puppeteer and creative consultant. Designed, storyboards, efx and wrote segments for on-air puppet productions. Performed various characters (see performance credits)

1988 to 1991 WTLK TV 14, Rome, Georgia

Production assistant, videographer, artist and copy writer.

1993 to 1988 The Library Channel, Rome, Georgia

Artist and puppeteer: Created artwork, designed and performed puppets on local television.

AWARDS

Three National Emmys for work on Sesame Street. One for art direction alongside the regular Sesame Art Dept. and the others for Creative Direction of animations for Sesame alongside the team at Magnetic Dreams in Nashville. Tellys for work on animated ad campaigns with Magnetic Dreams.

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Puppeteer Resume

FEATURES:

Muppets From Space Featured/Assistant Jim Henson Pictures Lunker Lake Featured Greystone/Peppercorn Prod. Golden Harvest, Henson's Teenage Mutant Ninja Assistant

Turtles 1 and 2 Creature Shop

TELEVISION:

Cut Em' All Hideout Pictures Music Vid Featured Sesame Workshop Sesame Street Assist/Secondary Sesame Beginnings Featured Sesame Home Video Muppet Wizard of Oz Featured Henson/Disney Animal Jam Series/Featured Henson / Learning Channel Wisharoo Park Series/Featured Animax Designs Inc. **Inside Outdoors** Series/Featured CBS Cable/ Peppercorn Turner/CTW/Henson Big Bag Series/Featured Pike's Picks Pilot/Featured TNN/Peppercorn Road to Bass Pro Special/Featured TNN/ Peppercorn TNN/Peppercorn Fishing Through History Featured TNN/Peppercorn Bass Wackers Featured *Dinosaurs 93,94 season Series Regular Henson/Disney/Jacobs Muppet Sing-a-long Featured/Assist Henson/Disney Kermit's Kocamo Video

Muppets on Ed Sullivan Assistant Henson

Reunion Show Muppets at Walt Disney Assistant Henson/Disney

World Song of the Cloud Forest Featured Henson

Dog City Featured Henson

COMMERCIALS:

Muppet CD-ROM Assistant Henson/Brighter Child Fiesta Texas Featured Peppercorn

*Caltex Petro Aliens Featured

Henson's Creature Shop TNT Launch Featured Henson/Turner Network

NON-BROADCAST:

Iggy and Mr. Kirk Featured Brave Books Storytime with Zoodles Featured Bentkey MABEL MACLAY Featured Bentkey

WONDERMORE Featured In Touch Ministries The Slugs and Bugs Show Featured **Brentwood Productions** Monster Patrol-Pilot Featured Average Joe Entertainment Burned Out-Music Video Featured Average Joe Entertainment Abby in Wonderland Featured Sesame Workshop

Elmo "Love the Earth" Featured Sesame Workshop Sesame Street 4D Featured/Assistant Sesame Workshop/ Universal

MuppetVision 3D Assistant Henson/Disney Featured Clash Puppets

Peanuts Pilot Muppet Sing-a-long Tape Assistant Henson Home Video

^{*} includes animatronic characters, controlled with the Henson Performance System

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Rickey's interest in animation and puppetry began at an early age. At eleven, he and one of his friends produced their own crude TV puppet shows at a local cable access station and experimented with 8mm animated short films. During High School he continued designing and building his own puppet characters.

Later, he attended Shorter College in Rome, Georgia where he majored in art and theater. During an internship at a local cable station he worked with college classmates Keith Thomas and Jeff Brown to produce two children's shows that featured his creations. This provided valuable television experience as well as enough footage for a demo reel. That reel would land him an audition with the Muppets.

In 1988 he was interviewed by Jane Henson then met and auditioned for Jim Henson himself. He was asked to continue working with Jim Henson Productions as both an assistant and as a featured performer on various productions.

Most recently, Rickey completed "Storytime with Zoodles" for Bentkey Productions in the role of Zoodles. Prior to that he performed Culture the Vulture in "Adventures with Iggy and Mr. Kirk" for Brave Books. For "It's a Wonderful Day with Mabel Maclay" he brought to life Jasper he dog. He also performed GEORGE in the three seasons of WONDERMORE, In Touch Ministry's on line series for children. Prior to that he performed DOUG THE SLUG in two seasons of Brentwood Studio's "The Slugs and Bugs Show". He performed in "Burned Out" a music video by Jeremy McComb as well as performing "Diggs the Duck" in the Colt Ford music video "Cut E'm All" for Nashville's Hideout Pictures and Average Joe's Entertainment. Previously he has performed various background characters on Sesame Street, The Abby in Wonderland special, Grandma Cookie Monster for Sesame Workshop's "Sesame Beginnings" project, Scooter and Crazy Harry in "Muppet's Wizard of Oz", and Waffle in "Animal Jam". Other projects include "Muppets From Space", "Dinosaurs" the series, "Muppetvision 3D", "Muppets at Disney World", "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles", The Jim Henson Hour's "Dog City" and "Song of the Cloud Forest", as well as various videos and commercial projects. In addition to Henson Productions, Rickey has performed lead characters for The Nashville Network's Peppercorn Productions.

In addition to performing Rickey was a multiple Emmy winning Creative Director for Magnetic Dreams Animation Studios in Nashville, Tn. There, he designed and directed animations for clients such as "Sesame Street", among others.

He is currently a freelance artist and welcomes collaboration!