

Animator, Media Maker

Born 1982 – (Sumter, SC)

"Growing up with Autism was pretty tough! There were times when I was made fun of and called names and treated badly. Through these hardships I created "The Imagifriends of Imagiville".

"The Imagifriends teach an important lesson about Acceptance and help those with Autism and Disabilities know how special they are and that even they can make a great difference in the world. They are brightly colored characters who help and support one another. They live in a wonderful place called Imagiville where everyone is accepted " just the way they are" and no one is ever picked on or mistreated. I want to use my art to help encourage others with Autism and to let them know that they too can help make the world a better place." DJ

DJ SVOBODA



The negative experiences didn't stop DJ. In fact, they had just the opposite effect – they inspired DJ to create a wonderful world, a new land. A safe place in his imagination where everyone is treated kindly and accepted just the way they are. Today, at 37, DJ is a dynamic motivational public speaker, an accomplished artist, and an author with several books to his credit: My Imagiville, The Mupperezmo and the Rainbow, and The Inspirations of Imagiville. The characters are DJ original's, and he wrote and illustrated each book telling a specific story of acceptance and awareness.



DJ recently was awarded the Marvels of Media award by the Museum of The Moving Image for his animation short "Love Everyone With Sylvia"!