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1 BIO-ZOO

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2 Metal Hat

PRODUCER:

Kazuma Morino

SUMMARY:

This work shows the beauty of a metal hat as it changes color and shape.

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3 Huzzah (Bobaloo The Beast Boy)

PRODUCER:

Lamb & Company

SUMMARY:

"Huzzah (Bobaloo The Beast Boy)" is an experiment in combining theater and computer graphics. An actor's performance was simultaneously captured using magnetic motion sensors on the body, optical sensors on the face and stress sensors on the hand. The data then was passed to computer animators who created the final images. Adapted from "Lloyd's Prayer," a play written and performed by Kevin Kling.

CONTRIBUTORS:

Director: Larry Lamb Project Supervisor: Susan Van Baerle Character/Set Design: Michael Sommers Producer: Audrey Robinson Production: Keith Cormier. Jim Russell, Mark Mariutto Software/Hardware: Jeff Thingvold, Scott Gaff Additional Production Support: Rex Carter, Chris Immroth, John Donkin. Terry Friedlander Music Composition/ Performance: Michael Sommers, Kevin Kling Music Recording Studio: Hudson & Forrester ADR: Cine Sound 2 **Executive Producer:** Larry Lamb

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4 Convolve

PRODUCER:

Stephan Larson

SUMMARY:

"Convolve" is an exploration of the utilization of complex spherical coordinate systems taken into a three-dimensional visualization program. Viewers will compare this visually stimulating sequence to a "string" or "rope" that evolves and changes.

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5 Warashi

PRODUCER:

Yasuo Ohba

SUMMARY:

The "Warashi," who look like children, live in a computer. The different kinds of motion they create invite us into their beautiful world.

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Animator/Technical Director: Yasuo Ohba

Hardware: Silicon Graphics INDIGO2 Maximum IMPACT

Software: Original

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6 Envisioning Yuan Ming Yuan

PRODUCERS:

David Botta and Lifeng Wang

SUMMARY:

History's most magnificent garden, the Yuan Ming Yuan in Beijing, China, was tragically burned in 1860 during the first Opium War. Built by six generations of Qing Emperors and covering 350 hectares of land, Yuan Ming Yuan was once a museum, a playground, a library and an art gallery. Our computerized recreation of Yuan Ming Yuan recalls the beauty and pearls of ancient Chinese wisdom. "Envisioning Yuan Ming Yuan" will provide a rich virtual reality environment for television animated shots and CDROMs.

http://www.cs.ubc.ca/spider/wang

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7 Echappee belle (Breakaway)

PRODUCER: All-FNSAD

SUMMARY:

Flying off the city.

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8 Nightlight

PRODUCER:

George M. Nadeau

SUMMARY:

The story of a man and the objects of his affections.

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Music: Devin Kirschner

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9 Alley Oops!

PRODUCER/DIRECTOR:

Allen Coulter

SUMMARY:

"Alley Oops!" started as an exercise in character animation at UCLA Extension and was completed by students who elected to stay after class.

CONTRIBUTORS:

Animators: Rich Fugel, Alan Flores, Todd Hoff, Doug Waters Music: Al Sousa, Loran Soman Render Support: Ed Wizelman, Dan Pereira, Lillian Liam, Tracy Kobett Software: Animation Master

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10 Esquisses

PRODUCER:

Christine Z. Chang

SUMMARY:

An art film, "Esquisses" ("sketches" in French) is an experiment in the use of particle systems as an evolution of painting into a dynamic form. Artist Chang defined particles to act as live brush strokes, changing and interacting in sometimes unpredictable ways.

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11 Nightfall

PRODUCER:

Raymond Chen

SUMMARY:

"Nightfall" is a moody and haunting piece that contains imagery referring to death and rebirth. It is a meditation on the cyclical nature of transformation, and arises from a near-death experience of mine, and the thoughts that I had at that time. MFA Thesis Animation - Pratt Institute.

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12 Television Monster

PRODUCER:

Mike Gasaway

SUMMARY:

"Television Monster" deals with how the media (television in particular) glorifies the evils of society. Evil is depicted as a mechanical creature that lives in a dark, violent world, destroying everything good. When the monster happens upon two children, it must choose between good and evil.

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13 How Does Drinking Affect Driving

PRODUCER:

Chow Chin Pang, Paul

SUMMARY:

To illustrate the terrible results of drinking and driving, the stone sculptures on Easter Island are imagined to be aliens who, having suffered from the side effects of alcohol, got stuck on our planet forever.

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14 I FAUST

PRODUCER:

Steve Hunt

SUMMARY:

Tribute to Osker Schlemmer

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15 SAKURATEI

PRODUCER:

Mikitaka Kurasawa

SUMMARY:

"SAKURATEI" takes place in the future and represents an experimental attempt to give a robot humanity (emotions, irrationality, absurdity). To describe the story, we have created uniquely Japanese imagery like ancient Japanese folk-art and the confined world of a Japanese miniature garden.

CONTRIBUTORS:

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16 Boxes

PRODUCER:

George M. Nadeau

SUMMARY:

A lonely man seeks companionship.

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17 Petula & Freddie

PRODUCER:

Ingrid M. Yegros

SUMMARY:

"Petula & Freddie" is a humorous and slightly twisted animation short intended for all age groups. Petula, a home shopping channel viewer, suddenly realizes that her dog is missing. She goes to look for him . . . until something else catches her attention.

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