

ZACH TOLCHINSKY

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DIRECTOR, WRITER & PROFESSIONAL MODEL MAKER

I am a creative problem solver who works professionally as a Production Manager, Miniature Model Maker, Puppet Maker and Director. I've worked in industry level stop-motion feature fabrication and live-action. Between industry projects, I manage my own independent production studio - Wood Goblin Fabrication. My goals as a creator are to collaborate with intuitive people, lead with encouragement and inspire through animation and themed storytelling.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Wood Goblin Studios: *The Forbidden Zone, Klaus Muller & Campari on the Rocks* 2009 to Present

- Established independent stop-motion animation studio specializing in educational, commercial, and short content.
- Produced, wrote and directed five short films in the last six years. Average budget \$30K with teams of 20+ artists. Hired crew, sourced locations, raised funds, filed for permits and insurance. Oversaw entire productions from conception to final delivery.

Digital Wizards Studios: Production Manager 2023

- Oversaw production on multiple animation stages, art department, hiring, scheduling, post production, budget management and final delivery.

Stupid Buddy Studios: *Crossing Swords, Robot Chicken, Bratz, Ducktales & Santa Inc.* 2015 to 2024

- Lead Set Builder on Crossing Swords for Hulu.
- Character fabricator for Robot Chicken season 8 through 11, Bratz, Ducktales, Santa Inc.

Katy Perry "Cozy Little Christmas" Producer and Supervisor of the stop-motion sequences 2019

- My independent studio was hired to produce and design puppets for Katy Perry's music video. Led a small team to deliver four custom stop motion characters in under 2 weeks.

Walt Disney Imagineering: Blue Sky Idea Development 2017

- Selected to participate in an intensive Blue Sky Idea Development process with Walt Disney Imagineering. Developed a project from an initial idea to final presentation, and pitched to Walt Disney Executives.

Deceptive Practices- Assistant to Ricky Jay: Personal Assistant to Mr. Ricky Jay & Archivist 2013-2018

- Photographed, curated, framed and shipped rare artwork from Ricky Jay's personal collection.
- Assisted Mr. Jay with various production related tasks such as scheduling, transcription, travel arrangements, & project management.

Awards

Emmy Winner - Outstanding Short form Animated Program - *Robot Chicken Christmas Special*

1st Place Animation Prize - My Rode Reel 2020 - *The Forbidden Zone*

Best Science Fiction Film - Paris Animation Awards - *The Forbidden Zone*

Best Animated Film - Hollywood Shorts Fest - *The Forbidden Zone*

Education

California Institute of the Arts: MFA in Animation

June 2020

The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland: BA in Acting and Playwriting

June 2011

Skills

- Photoshop
- Premiere Pro
- Carpentry
- Graphic design
- Production timelines
- Product development
- Script writing
- Scheduling
- Miniature set specialist
- Color matching/
mixing
- Silicone/ Resin
Moldmaking
- Camera, Lighting, Grip
- Stop-Motion Animation
- Producing
- Art and Antique
Restoration