

TRUE TREASURE

Electronic Press Kit



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SYNOPSIS

Sailing to ship of silver and gold, Bonnie quickly learns that her rival, Captain Jordan, is following her. Before the two ships can fight over the riches, a great sea serpent rises from the waters and blocks their course. Bonnie must make a decision. Should she stay behind to fight alongside her greatest enemy, or go after the treasure herself, leaving Jordan and her crew to perish?



LOGLINE

A female pirate on the hunt for a legendary treasure finds herself having to work with a rival pirate in order to defeat a sea monster.

ABOUT TRUE TREASURE



"True Treasure" is a 3D animated short with six human characters, a sea serpent, two grand pirate ships, an ocean, and 2D animated effects. Our film is about the 'true treasure', and no it's not '*silver and gold*'...it's **love**! We all have our own personal treasures whether it's money, electronics, or even stuffed animals. It is easy to get distracted by our own desires and lose sight of the people around us.

Although Bonnie and Jordan are rivals about to kill one another in the first 30 seconds of the film, Bonnie shows incredible empathy to Jordan and her crew when they are in danger. She sacrifices her greatest desire -the treasure- to offer Jordan her hand and save them. Then we see Jordan return the favor by taking a hit from the serpent in Bonnie's place. Together, they are able to put their differences aside to defeat the sea monster.



FACT SHEET

Running Time: 3:00 Min

Software: Autodesk Maya, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Substance 3D Painter, Adobe After Effects, Toonboom Harmony, Toonboom Storyboard Pro, Procreate

Screening Format: 2K MP4

Aspect Ratio: 16:9

Production Timeframe: May 2022 - May 2023

Country of Production: United States

Language: English

Genres: Romance, LGBTQ+, Action, Musical

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FAQS

How many animators were involved in the creation of this film?

We are made up of 2 Concept Artists, and 9 3D animators! We started as a team of 10 but 'adopted' another animator along the way from a film had to stop production.

What was the 'start' of True Treasure?

In the Spring of 2022, as Juniors at the Savannah College of Art and Design, we were given the opportunity to pitch concepts for our senior capstone films next year. Though our director didn't initially plan to pitch, she had a moment of realization at a pirate mini-golf course during spring break. What if we made a short that follows along with a sea shanty? She spent the rest of the night listening to shanties and researching historic pirates, specifically the infamous pirates Anne Bonny and Mary Read.

Who was Anne Bonny and Mary Read?

Bonnie and Jordan are inspired by the historic pirates Anne Bonny and Mary Read, feared female pirates from the 1700s. While piracy was predominantly a male occupation, Anne and Mary snuck by disguised as men. They eventually met aboard Captain Calico Jack's ship and revealed their true selves to one another. They quickly became great friends, rumored to be more.

What inspired the style of True Treasure?

Going into the film, we knew we wanted to incorporate a watercolor texture. We looked at works such as those by illustrator Heikala, taking inspiration from their watercolor rendering while keeping hard shadows & highlights.

During production we were inspired by recent 3D films such as *DreamWorks 'Puss in Boots: The Last Wish'* and Sony Pictures *'The Mitchells vs. the Machines'*. We admired stylized textures, 2D effect animation, and switching action animation between 1s and 2s. The industry is growing and we want to grow with it.

MEET THE CREW

Every ship needs a trusty crew! Starting as classmates & strangers, we all grew together into our own little family. From storyboarding to compositing, we all worked together to made the impossible possible!



Director
Catherine Saucier



Producer
Lexie Conrey



Co-Producer & Tech Director
Tailey Clark



Art Director
Cassie Nguyen



Lead Animator
Daisy Julca



Lead Animator
Erica Wang



3D Animator & 2D Lead
Carolina Eysseric



3D Animator
Clarissa Riquezes



3D Animator
Iulia Glodean



3D Animator
Natalie Lepore



Character Modeler & Rigger
Madison Flammang

FACULTY SUPERVISOR

Professor Dong Eun Shin

Professor Jose Silva

ADDITIONAL HELP

And of course, we would have never made it without our extra crew. Thank you for joining the team and working through the chaos!

Additional 2D Animation

Cas Isaac

Additional Character Modeling

Katriella Britt

Zarah Delgado

Composer

Donnie Abrahamson

Additional Texturing

Katriella Britt

Ananya Shenoy

Marissa Tso

Sound Designer

Jaime Murrel

Recording Engineer

Samuel Murrel

Additional Lighting

Phil Robert

Marissa Tso

Musician

Rebecca Speed

Additional 3D Animation

Christina Tjahjadi

Alani Sanders

Phil Robert

Emily Fabrizi

Chi To

Vocals

Kilian Haunschild

Bronwyn Pollock

Alternative Vocals

Mavis Ball

Julia Cuccurullo

