

Inanimate LLC and Kevin Schreck Productions presents

ANIMATION MAVERICKS:

THE FORGOTTEN STORY OF UPA



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GENRE: **Documentary/Animation/History**

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SYNOPSIS:

Animation Mavericks: The Forgotten Story of UPA shows the origins, rise, fall, and legacy of an innovative and iconoclastic animation studio. Through revealing interviews with film historians and stylishly animated re-enactments of key moments in Hollywood history, this feature-length documentary illuminates a vital and untold chronicle of cinema and the real-life personalities behind it.



MEET THE TEAM:

Director/producer/writer **Kevin Schreck** (*Persistence of Vision*, *Antarctic Voyage*, *Enongo*) is an award-winning documentary filmmaker whose 16-year career has taken him around the globe. His work has explored a multitude of different subjects, including surrealist art, underground hip-hop, and scientific expeditions on the Southern Ocean. *Animation Mavericks* marks his return to uncovering lost stories of cinema history.



Animation director/producer **Rachel Gillewich** is an award-winning director, animator, and designer with 16 years of professional experience in TV and independent animation. She obtained her master's degree from Gobelins in Paris, France, to continue her animation career in Europe.

Executive producer **Tim Finn** has a 25-year history of researching and documenting animation and comics through various film projects, his work as a college educator, his *G.I. Joe* history book, and the community he's built through his brick-and-mortar store, Hub Comics.





DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT:

"*Animation Mavericks* marks my return to making films about cinema history for the first time in over a decade. What brought me to this subject was that this piece of history felt both timely and timeless. The themes and issues that our historical characters encountered and overcame are still relevant today. It was a gift to work with such an incredible team of artists who also recognize the value in UPA's story, and I'm excited to share that story with the world at large."

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Kevin Schreck



CREDITS

Directed, Produced, Written, & Edited by
Kevin Schreck

Executive Producer
Tim Finn

Producer
Sylvie BosRau

Associate Producer
Adam Abraham

Animation Director & Producer
Rachel Gitlevich

Archival Producers & Assistant Editors
Prisca Edwards
Autumn Knight

Music by
Deeba Montazeri

Directors of Photography
Nathaniel Brown
Quinn Thomashow

Narrated by
Dara Chapman



