Wuppets Workshop

September 23-29, 2019

Viborg Animation Festival
We are looking for sponsors, partners, hardware providers, institutions or individuals who are interested in contributing to the future of creative expressive storytelling, please contact us at hang@via.dk.

Join us in using new technology to teach fundamental lessons of storytelling and animation

As part of Viborg Animation Festival 2019 (VAF), AR director EDWON of Cuteness Technology is collaborating with ANIMOK, The Animation Workshop and VAF on an animation workshop for kids using the iOS(iPhone & iPad) AR animation tool Wuppets, scheduled sometime during the festival in the last week of September 2019. The goal is to explore the use of AR technology for an entirely new ways to teach expressive storytelling to kids.

Wuppets is an AR puppeteering app that lets you create animations using cute virtual characters, juxtaposed on the real world using Augmented Reality (AR) technology. In under a minute, users can place the characters in the world, animate them, control the camera angle, and record their voices, which are hilariously altered, depending on the selected character.

Wuppets is fun and easy to use, and encourages kids and adults alike to use the power of their phones for creative expression and creativity.

For more information, visit The Wuppets Website, or watch the madness unfold on Twitter, Youtube or Instagram.
Workshop

ANIMOK will collaborate with an elementary school, and arrange two workshops for elementary school kids during the week of the festival. Kids, accompanied by their teacher, as well as a potential volunteer assistant, will join EDWON for a session in which they are taught how to use the app, and challenged to make a short film in groups, using the app.

In addition, the super-talented bachelor students at The Animation Workshop will also be given the chance to show their skills in a casual, outdoor workshop.

Finally, the creations made during the workshops will be screened in the Fotorama Cinema during the festival, as part of the festival film program and uploaded on social media.

The workshop schedule is currently as such:

Day 1
Two-hour workshop with EDWON and elementary school class 1.

Day 2
Two hour workshop with EDWON and elementary school class 2.

Day 3
Screening of student films in Fotorama Viborg, as part of the Viborg Animation Festival film program.
Two-hour outdoor Workshop for TAW students and attendees at VAF

Mini-Documentary

As an important part of the project, we want to document the project thoroughly. For this reason, a film crew will be joining the workshops, and conducting interviews with EDWON, Ditte, as well as attendees of the workshops, both students and teachers.

This is important, because of the experimental and pioneering nature of the project: We want to make sure to be able to tell a story about our experiences with using new technology with a new generation of storytellers; what works and what doesn’t. The documentary will be shared online.

Production needs

For the production and execution of the Workshop and Mini Documentary, the following will need to be covered:

- Access to at least 8 iPhones with AR capability, for the duration of the workshop.
- Video production expenses.
- Transportation and accommodation of elementary school classes.
- Administration costs
Current Partners

Cuteness Technology
CuteTech makes lovable characters who love you. They live in phones, screens, headsets, and toys. They’re changing the definition of family entertainment, one character at a time.

More info available at cutenesstechnology.com

ANIMOK
ANIMOK is a part of the Viborg Animation festival, which is responsible for film programs and film activities for kindergartens and schools. ANIMOK offers both national and international feature and short film programs, hands-on workshops and advice for pedagogues and teachers around Denmark, providing them with tools and knowledge about animation in the teaching, including various techniques, resources and insight into how to bring animation and life for any story. ANIMOK is also a stable presence at the conference Animated Learning.

More info available at animok.dk.

Viborg Animation Festival (VAF)
VAF is Denmark's largest animation festival and a celebration of all the possibilities that derive from the animation medium. It takes place every year in week 39 in Viborg and surrounding cities. In addition to screenings and exhibitions, lots of courses, workshops and activities in related to the visual media industry take place during the week.

More info available at animationsfestival.dk.

Additional partners

- The Animation Workshop - VIA University College
- Viborg Game Expo
- Game Hub Scandinavia

Call for partners

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