# **Corrie Francis Parks**

# **Curriculum Vitae**

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#### BIO

I am an animator and photographer with an extensive repertoire of hand-drawn, stop-motion, and experimental techniques at my disposal. I approach each project from a fresh perspective of stylistic opportunity, aiming to strike a balance between communication and visual innovation. Some recent commercial clients include *Walt Disney Imagineering, World Vision, Cardrona Alpine Resort*, and *New Zealand Department of Conservation*. Additionally, I have been teaching animation to students of all ages since 2001 in workshops and classes around the world. My short films have been screened at over 100 international and domestic festivals and are collected by various libraries, including the National Gallery of Art Film Archive in Washington D.C.

#### **EDUCATION**

**University of Southern California,** Los Angeles, CA *MFA in Animation and Digital Arts* (2006)

University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand

Independent Research in Film, Television and Media Studies (2005)

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

BA in Animation, Magna Cum Laude (2001)

SELECTED FILMOGRAPHY (full festival screening and awards list available on request)

Autumn: Sonnets En Plein Air (2007) – 3 min. digital

Plein air animation: Experimental reflection on a New Hampshire autumn.

For the Masses (2007) – 5 min. HD Cam

2-d animation: A day in the life of an urban wilderness.

### **Awards**

- Best Creative Media Film Poppy Jasper Film Festival
- Best Student Short Flagstaff Mountain Film Festival
- Additional festival screenings include: Newport Beach Film Festival, AniFest Trebon, Tokyo Global Environmental Film Festival, Taiwan Int'l Animation Festival

## Conversing with Aotearoa/New Zealand (2006) – 15min. HD Cam

Mixed media/Collage: In this animated documentary, New Zealanders attempt to fathom their deep, personal connection with their land.

### **Awards**

- Best of Hazel Wolf Hazel Wolf Environmental Film Festival
- Environmental Art Award EarthVision Film Festival
- Best Female Filmmaker Poppy Jasper Film Festival
- Best Short Film- Taos Mountain Film Festival
- Best Film on Mountain Culture and Environment Wanaka Film Festival

- **Best Student Short** Flagstaff Mountain Film Festival
- First Prize- Multimedia Exposure, Auckland University
- Additional festival screenings include: AniFest Zagreb, Banff Mountain Film Festival, AniMadrid, Seattle Int'l Film Festival, New Zealand Int'l Film Festival, Clermont-Ferrand, Kendall Mountain Film Festival, Taiwan Int'l Animation Festival

## **Tracks** (2003) – 2 min. 16mm

Sand animation: African animals gather at a waterhole at sunset.

#### Awards

- Finalist Student animation International Family Film Festival
- Additional festival screenings include: London Int'l Animation Festival, Hiroshima Animation Festival, AnimaMundi, Chicago Int'l Children's Film Festival, Melbourne Int'l Animation Festival

# **Ash Sunday** (2001) – 5 min. 16mm

Paint on glass/cut-out: A drawing tries to escape her confinement on a piece of paper.

#### Awards

- Regional Finalist, Student Academy Awards
- 1st Prize, Student Animation, ASIFA-East
- People's Choice, ASIFA-San Francisco
- Additional festival screenings include: Cleveland Int'l Film Festival, East Lansing Children's Film Festival, Chicago Int'l Children's Film Festival, New England Film and Video Festival

### **April Showers** (2000) – 4:30 min. 16mm

Hand-drawn/Cut-paper: A little girl's raincoat comes to life and takes her on a puddle-splashing adventure.

#### Awards

- 2nd Prize, Student Animation, ASIFA-East
- Additional festival screenings include: Chicago Int'l Children's Film Festival, East Lansing Children's Film Festival, Puchon Int'l Student Animation Festival

## GRANTS, RESIDENCIES AND FELLOWSHIPS

Sierra Arts Foundation, Grant recipient, 2009

Fundación Valparaíso, 1 month artist's residency, Apr. 2009

The MacDowell Colony, 3 week artist's residency, Dec. 2008

The MacDowell Colony, 2 month artist's residency, Oct-Nov. 2007

Fulbright Fellowship to New Zealand 2005-2006

**Harvey Fellowship** scholarship from the Mustard Seed Foundation 2004-2006

**Dartmouth College Senior Fellow - 2000-2001** 

## LECTURES, WORKSHOPS AND TEACHING POSITIONS

**Digital Film Workshop** | New Zealand Mountain Film Festival Animation demonstration for filmmakers. *July 5, 2010* 

**Slow-shutter Photography** | Wanaka Photography Club Guest lecture on past and current work. *August 9, 2010* 

**Sustainability and the Media** | Fulbright Academy on Science and Technology Panel presentation on "Using animation to communicate difficult or sensitive material". *March* 13, 2010

# **Introduction to Animation** | Lake Tahoe Community College

4.0 unit course introducing students to several animation techniques and the filmmaking process culminating in producing a personal short film. *Winter, Summer 2008* 

# Royer Studios' Classroom Awareness through Animation

Animation Facilitator for 2 week workshops in public schools. Curriculum development and dvd demonstrator for Royer Studios' Funtastic Animation program. 2007-2009

**Adobe/Intel Reel Ideas Studio at Cannes 2007** | Cannes International Film Festival Faculty Mentor for students working in competitive teams to produce a documentary film during the Cannes Film Festival. *May 2007* 

**Animation Exploration** | Lake Tahoe Community College Animation Instructor teaching 2 week animation course for kids 10-13yrs. *Summer 2006-2008* 

**Animation as Art** | Seattle Pacific University Guest lecture on past and current work. *May*, 2008

**Art Teacher/Illustrator** | Summer Institute of Lingustics, Cameroon Created illustrations for literacy publications and bible translations. Trained native artists and expatriate children (K-12) in drawing and fine art. *January - June, 2002* 

Numerous presentations on film festival panels and in classroom, rotary and club meetings.

### RADIO INTERVIEWS

Composer of the Week, BBC – Radio 3, *January 16, 2008*. Insight, Capitol Public Radio - KXJZ Sacramento, *January 13, 2007*. New Zealand Public Radio (nationwide), *December, 2006*.

## PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITIONS

**Southland Art Awards** | Invercargill City Gallery Invercargill, New Zealand. 24 July -20 Aug 2009

**Sierra Arts Foundation Grant Recipients Exhibition** | Sierra Arts Foundation Gallery Reno, NV. *June 7 – July 24, 2009* 

LTCC Faculty Art Show | LTCC Main Campus South Lake Tahoe, CA. *January – March, 2009* 

**Art Around Town** | Various local businesses South Lake Tahoe, *May 2007-June 2009* 

LTCC Faculty Art Show | LTCC Main Campus South Lake Tahoe, CA *January – March, 2008* 

### **ADDITIONAL**

ASIFA International Member - current
Aspen Young Professional's Association - current
Harvey Fellows Advisory Board Member 2008-2011
LTCC Student Film Festival - Founder and Director - 2009

Basic knowledge of Italian, French, Spanish and German. Lived and worked abroad in Italy, Spain, Cameroon, and New Zealand.