

# Northwest Animation Festival

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## PORTLAND SCHEDULE

### May 10 - Friday

#### 7pm - Kill All Festivals

The White Box | 24 NW 1st Ave | FREE

A sneak peak at four upcoming Portland festivals. Co-presented by NW Animation Fest, Experimental Film Festival Portland, Creative Music Guild, and Risk/Reward.

### May 11 - Saturday

#### 1-4pm - Michel Gagné: An Insanely Twisted Animation Saga

Art Institute of Portland | 1122 NW Davis St. | \$7 suggested donation

Michel Gagné — award-winning animator, comic artist, and game designer — gives a special presentation about his life in the pop-culture art world. Discussion will cover his creative process, work on the popular video game *Insanely Twisted Shadow Planet*, and clips from his soon-to-be animated film, *The Saga of Rex*. Presented by ASIFA-Portland and the Art Institute's Inkwell Animation Club, supported by NW Animation Fest and others.

### May 16 - Thursday

#### 3-5pm - Harry Smith In The Pacific Northwest

Hollywood Theatre | 4122 NE Sandy Blvd | FREE

Oregon-born Harry Smith was a pioneering beatnik genius who made experimental animation and was responsible for creating America's single most important collection of folk music recordings. A panel discussion presented by Oregon Cartoon Institute in partnership with NW Animation Fest and the Hollywood Theatre.

#### 7pm - Harry Smith Seance

Hollywood Theatre | 4122 NE Sandy Blvd | price TBA

Oregon Cartoon Institute presents an evening of films by Oregon-born animator Harry Smith. Film archivist Dennis Nyback will recreate Harry's live projection techniques, using multiple projectors to alter, color and shape the moving image. Musical accompaniment by Matt Carlson and Jordan Dykstra. Sound design by Andrew Ritchey. Rani Singh, the director of the Harry Smith Archives at the Getty Institute, will introduce. Sheldon Renan and Darrin Daniel will join Rani onstage afterwards and take questions.

"I like my films because I didn't make them: God made them." — Harry Smith

### May 17 - Friday

#### 7-11pm - NW Animation Fest - Friday Night (opening night)

Hollywood Theatre | 4122 NE Sandy Blvd | \$15

Opening night includes nearly 30 astonishing short films. Here's some of what you'll see: A thief who steals famous paintings, eats them, and is physically transformed by what he consumes... Two cavemen in search of a fabled mathematical dinosaur... A romance of amoebas, as witnessed through the lens of a

microscope... A young New Yorker who finds the girl of his dreams with help from an army of enchanted paper airplanes... The death and rebirth of a flying piano... A mad entomologist, whose discovery of a strange horned beetle allows him to change perception of time. Featured films include "Pythagasaurus," from the makers of Wallace & Gromit — and this year's Oscar-winner for Best Animated Short, "Paperman." (Two intermissions. Some mature themes.)

### **11:30pm - NW Animation Fest -Drink & Draw / Susco & Finka vs. Undead**

Tony Starlight's Supperclub-Lounge | 3728 NE Sandy Blvd | FREE

Have a drink, and try making animation yourself. Attendees are provided with sharpie markers and lightboxes. At the end of the night, we'll have made a hilarious, chaotic short film together. Meanwhile, we'll also be screening *Susco & Finka vs. Undead* — a rough-hewn claymation vampire-action film that transcends its flaws through sheer enthusiasm and achieves a sort of genius.

## **May 18 - Saturday**

### **1-5pm - NW Animation Fest - Saturday Afternoon (all ages show)**

Hollywood Theatre | 4122 NE Sandy Blvd | \$10

Saturday afternoon is an all ages show for savvy animation-loving adults, which is also safe and fun for kids. Here's some of what you'll see: A young girl's embarrassingly eccentric grandfather creates a miraculous, living elephant creature from trash on the beach... A clever prison inmate tricks the guards into plowing his aging father's farm... A bear who rides the motorcycle in a traveling circus returns to the forest and discovers an unexpected friend... A mysterious huckster brings disaster to the green village when he introduces a strange blue flower... Risking his own life, a snow golem escorts a lost fire wolf cub back to its pack. This program features "Thank You," a new film from Pendleton Ward, creator of the hit series "Adventure Time." (Two intermissions. All ages.)

### **7-11pm - NW Animation Fest - Saturday Night**

Hollywood Theatre | 4122 NE Sandy Blvd | \$15

Saturday night's films are in turn sidesplitting, heartwarming, and mind-bending. Here's some of what you'll see: A steam-powered robot who serves ice cream to orphaned android children... A samurai's life-or-death battle with the colossal, icy beast that holds Spring hostage... A wolf-like boy who grew up alone in the forest, now struggling to return to civilization... A husband and wife who've really grown apart — one lives on the floor, the other on the ceiling. Featured films include "Animation Hotline" (make your own call from our hotspot in the theatre lobby!), a new rat gang sketch from the hit series "Portlandia," and this year's charming Oscar-finalist, "Head Over Heels." (Two intermissions. Some mature themes.)

### **11:30pm - NW Animation Fest - New Key of the Ancient Light**

Tony Starlight's Supperclub-Lounge | 3728 NE Sandy Blvd | FREE

Animator/pianist Patrick Coan gives an innovative performance that blends music, animation and audience-controlled gaming devices.

## **May 19 - Sunday**

### **12:30pm - NW Animation Fest - Meet the Animators**

Hollywood Theatre | 4122 NE Sandy Blvd | (included with afternoon ticket)

An on-stage facilitated interview with attending filmmakers.

### **1pm - NW Animation Fest - Sunday Afternoon**

Hollywood Theatre | 4122 NE Sandy Blvd | \$10

Sunday afternoon showcases more of the fantastic visions that only animation can conjure. Here's some of what you'll see: An eskimo legend of two lost hunters who discover the realm of demon wolf spirits... A

spunky tree frog who has to evade jungle snakes and alligators while looking for his next meal... Travel in a time machine that's just slightly too small for comfort... A classic chess game with death, a woman with giant hair that fights back, a city populated with sentient Rubik's Cubes — and more. Stick around for something extra special in the final hour: our first ever "strange and sexy" film block. It's a very peculiar romp through the wilds of psyche and sexuality that you won't want to miss! (Two intermissions. Some mature themes.)

### **7pm - NW Animation Fest - Sunday Night (closing night)**

Hollywood Theatre | 4122 NE Sandy Blvd | \$15

NW Animation Fest concludes on Sunday night with several of this year's very best films. Here's some of what you'll see: An astronaut crash lands on a strange planet and can't escape without help from an enigmatic alien being... A harried London barkeep watches as her patrons begin morphing into animals... Forbidden love between young lovers sets an entire city ablaze in classical Japan... Four outlaw divas lead the police on an truly unbelievable car chase... A doomed fish sings its own operatic requiem on the way to the frying pan. Featured films include "Marcel, King of Tervuren" (awn.com's "best animation film of 2013") — and this year's most witty Oscar-finalist, "Fresh Guacamole." (Two intermissions. Some mature themes.)

### **11pm - NW Animation Fest - After-Party**

Moon and Sixpence | 2014 NE 42nd Ave | FREE

Our audience is invited to gather for an informal post-festival gathering at the Moon & Sixpence, a British-style pub.

## **May 20 - Monday, 8pm**

### **8pm - Bloodbath & Beyond: The Little Shop of Animated Horrors**

Valentine's | 232 SW Ankeny St. | FREE

The Seattle Experimental Animation Team presents a special one-night-only video installation. Valentine's will be sparkling with multiple projections on windows, walls and a Flying Cinema Kite. Videos include recent animated shorts and an "exquisite corpse" film that was collectively created by eight Seattle animators based on the 1960 cult classic, *The Little Shop of Horrors*. Co-presented by NW Animation Fest and Experimental Film Festival Portland.