

# **JOEL FRENZER**

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## **Education**

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| <b>MFA MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF ART &amp; DESIGN</b> | 2012 |
| Video/Animation/Experimental Film                    |      |
| <b>BFA RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN</b>             | 2000 |
| Film/Animation/Video                                 |      |

## **Teaching Experience**

- **PROFESSOR OF PRACTICE - SMFA at Tufts University,** Boston, MA. Current Courses: Animation 1, Animation 2, Graduate Thesis Advising 2016 - present
- **ANIMATION and GRAD FACULTY - School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA.** Courses: Animation 1 Techniques & Sound, Animation 3 Advanced Projects, Graduate Thesis Advising. Dept. Head of Film/Animation 2008 – 2010 2004 - 2016
- **VIDEO INSTRUCTOR – Harvard University, Cambridge, MA** Taught Premiere, Final Cut Pro, and Flash to graduate students at Harvard’s Graduate School of Design 2002 – 2004
- **ANIMATION TEACHING ASSISTANT – Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.** Assisted Steven Subotnick and Piotr Dumala in beginning and advanced Animation courses. 2001 - 2004
- **VISITING ANIMATION ARTIST - Cambridgeport School, Cambridge, MA.** Directed three animated films in collaboration with 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders based on their year’s Social Studies unit. 2001- 2003

## **Performance/Commercial Art Experience**

- **AFTER EFFECTS ARTIST – Model A Productions, New York, NY.** Composer on Season 1 of the soon-to-be-released animated series from Nickelodeon. 2015
- **VOICE ACTOR/SOUND MIXER – Sperry Top-Sider, Boston, MA.** Created & recorded character voices plus final sound mix for a promotional commercial. 2014

2010 - 2015

- **PODCAST HOST – Frenzer Foreman Animation Forum, Brooklyn, NY.** A monthly podcast about animation.  
[www.ffafcast.com](http://www.ffafcast.com)
- **COMPOSITOR – The Electric Company TV Show – New York, NY.** After Effects compositor for nine interstitial animated segments. 2011
- **DIRECTOR/ANIMATOR – NY International Children’s Film Fest, New York, NY.** Wrote and directed two films with kid animators in a week long workshop. 2011
- **DIRECTOR/ANIMATOR – Oglio Records, Torrance, CA.** Designed, directed, and animated a music video for the song “I’m Happy Now” by Bill Frenzer. 2009
- **CAMERA OPERATOR/ANIMATOR – Resisting Paradise, Boston, MA.** Shot Oxberry camera moves over still photos for this live-action documentary by Barbara Hammer 2003
- **ANIMATOR – Olive Jar Studios, Boston, MA.** Character animator for web-spots, commercials, and the animated Cartoon Network pilot *Uncle Gus*. 2000 – 2001
- **PUPPET DESIGNER/PERFORMER – Big Nazo Puppets, Providence, RI.** Constructed & performed puppet characters for a worldwide touring show; featured venues: Las Vegas, Seattle, and the World Expo '98 in Lisbon, Portugal. 1998 - 1999

## **Filmography**

- **Covert Ecocraft** (2017) web series, work in progress
- **Noseflute** (2015) 4:15; HD video, bw
- **SMFAces** (2014) Promotional Series for SMFA.
- **Obdomia** (2012) 3:50; HD video; color – part of gallery installation
- **Hasta la Fiesta** (2011) 4:30; HD video; color
- **T.H.I.R.S.T.** (2011) 3:30; HD video; color
- **Aaron’s LOST Recap** (2009) Web Series; 13 X 2:00
- **The Beatbox Bastard on a Date** (2008) 4:15; video; color
- **Around Breakfast “Paper Bears”** (2007) 3:11; video; color
- **Human Teleportation Into Death** (2005) 30 sec; 16mm; color
- **Architecture of a Migraine** (2003) 1 min; video; b/w
- **Ben By Frenzer** (2001) 5 x 30s shorts; computer; color
- **Brisket** (2000) 9 min; 35mm; color
- **Brickman** (1999) 5 min; 16mm; color

**Acting Experience****FILM**

3 BAHADUR 2	Voice (Gabru the dog)	Director Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy - 2016
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PIG	Voice (Farmer/Pig)	Director Steven Subotnick - 2015
FIGHT	Voice (Various Characters)	Director Steven Subotnick - 2012
BOY	Voice (Omniscient)	Director Steven Subotnick - 2011
JELLY FISHERS	Voice (Fly/Little Girl)	Director Steven Subotnick - 2009
SAINTS OF THE OLD CITY	Featured (Checked Man)	Director Greg Mahoney - 2002
BLIND THE DEVIL	Featured (Mark)	Director Adam Swaab - 2000
NEGATIVE SPACE	Lead (Jacob)	Director Adam Swaab - 1999

**TELEVISION**

UTICA CARTOON	Voice (Marty Turtle/Cop)	Cartoon Network Director Fran & Will Krause - 2001
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**THEATER**

OPEN HAIRBRUSH	Comedy Show (Founder/Host)	Brooklyn, NY - 2014
THE MOTH	Storytelling	New York, NY - 2013
UPRIGHT CITIZENS BRIGADE	Improv Comedy	New York, NY – 2012 - present
BIG NAZO SHOW	(Seamus McFeces/ Various Puppet Monsters)	Lisbon Portugal World Expo; Seattle Bumbershoot Festival; Las Vegas Fashion Week Director Erminio Pinque– 1998 – 2000
ON A TRAIN	Lead (Marcel Duchamp)	Director Chris Sergio - 2000

**Screenings/Performances/Exhibitions/Events**

- **Ottawa International Animation Festival – Ottawa ON. 2017+ 2018** Digital Puppet Performance and Hosting
- **SVA – New York, NY. 2017** Artist Talk
- **AniMatic Boston – Boston, MA. 2017** Artist Talk and Interview
- **Ottawa International Animation Festival - Ottawa, ON, Canada. 2011 - 2016.** Host and Comedy Commentator.
- **New England Animators - Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA. 2014.** Screened *SMFAces* – group show.
- ***Positions of Power, Land View* - Clay Center, Charleston, WA. 2013.** Exhibited collaborative animated film for Ethan Murrow’s solo show.
- ***Magnetic Monopoles* – Entwine Gallery New York, NY. 2013.** A solo show of new ink drawings and animations.
- **Rhode Island School of Design – Providence, RI. 2012.** Artist talk.
- ***Narcissistic Excess* - Obsolete Gallery, Venice, CA. 2012.** Exhibited collaborative photo and video work as part of Ethan Murrow’s solo show.
- **MFA Graduate Show, Bakalar Gallery, Boston MA. 2012.** Exhibited a multi-channel installation entitled *Obdomia*.
- **Ottawa International Animation Festival – Ottawa ON. 2011.** *T.H.I.R.S.T.* official selection.

- **Ottawa International Animation Festival – Ottawa ON. 2011.** Hosted the awards ceremony and performed live podcast show.
- **Rhode Island School of Design – Providence, RI. 2011.** Performed live podcast recording.
- **New England Animators - Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA. 2011.** Hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual New England Animators Show and screened *T.H.I.R.S.T.* - official selection.
- **Art Institute of Boston – Boston, 2010.** Artist talk.
- **Montserrat College of Art – Beverly, MA. 2010.** Artist talk.
- **Frenzer Foreman Animation Forum – Ottawa, ON Canada. 2010.** Podcast performance and recording.
- **Frenzer Foreman Animation Forum – Hollywood, CA. 2010.** Podcast performance and recording.
- **Frenzer Foreman Animation Forum – Ottawa, ON Canada. 2009.** Podcast performance and recording.
- **Somerville in Shorts Festival - Somerville, MA. 2009.** *Paper Bears* official selection.
- **New England Animators - Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA. 2009.** Hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual New England Animators Show.
- **Maine International Film Fest - Waterville, ME. 2008.** Official selection for “The Beatbox Bastard on a Date”
- **Annecy International Animation Fest - Annecy France. 2008.** *The Beatbox Bastard on a Date* official selection.
- **Animator 2008 Festival - Poznan Poland. 2008.** *The Beatbox Bastard on a Date* official selection.
- **New England Animators - Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA. 2008.** Screened *The Beatbox Bastard on a Date*, & *Paper Bears* – group show.
- **First Night Film Fest - Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA. 2007.** *Paper Bears* official selection.
- **Flavor Cave Festival - Providence, RI. 2007.** *Paper Bears* official selection.
- **Out Post Gallery - Brockton, MA. 2006.** *Human Teleportation Into Death* and *Architecture of a Migraine* – group show.
- **South By Southwest Film Festival – Austin, TX. 2001.** *Brisket* official selection.

### **Panels and Juries**

- **COLLEGE EMMY AWARDS JUDGE – Hollywood, CA. 2008 & 2009**  
Judge For Best Comedy – Academy of Television Arts and Sciences
- **SOMERVILLE ARTS COUNCIL GRANT PANEL – Somerville, MA. 2003 & 2006.**  
Reviewed film submissions and awarded grant money

### **Grants and Awards**

- **TUFTS FACUTLY European Program – 2018** – *Animation in the Alps* selected for curriculum in Talloires, France
- **TUFTS SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE – 2017** – Residency in Talloires, France
- **FACULTY ENRICHMENT GRANT – 2006, 2008, 2012** - from the School of Museum of Fine Arts
- **TRAVEL GRANT – 2008, 2008, 2014** - from School of the Museum of Fine Arts
- **ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS & SCIENCES FACULTY FELLOW - 2007.**
- **LEF FILMMAKING GRANT - 2003 & 2006.**
- **MACROMEDIA GRANT - 2003** - for the film “Molly Bannaky”, made in collaboration with students from the Cambridgeport School.
- **CERTIFICATE OF DISTINCTION IN TEACHING - 2002 & 2003** - from Harvard University.
- **BRUCE BOLDUC LEADERSHIP AWARD – 2000** - from the Film, Animation, Video department at the Rhode Island School of Design.

### **Other Skills**

- **Musician** – guitar, keyboard, drums
- **Fine Artist** – sculpture and drawing
- **Sound Designer/Film Scorer**
- **Comedy Song Writer/Performer**
- **Stand-Up Comedy Writer/Performer**
- **Improv Comedy and Storytelling**
- **Puppeteer**
- **Cartoonist**
- **Amateur Culinary Cook**