

Announcement!

1st DRAWTASTIC Youth Animation Festival

~ Youth Golden Pencil Awards ~

The **DRAWTASTIC YOUTH Animation Festival** – founded by Tony White and Seattle VocTech School – is proud to announce they are working in conjunction with the XBOX of Microsoft, the DigiPen Institute of Technology, the “Little Master Club” in the Seattle area and the DRAWTASTIC Animation Festival, to present the 1st ever “**Youth Golden Pencil Awards**”. Together they are extending an invitation to all young animated filmmakers around the world to take part in a very unique animation competition.

The **DRAWTASTIC Animation Festival**, founded by Tony White in 2005, the inaugural festival was opened by the ROY E. DISNEY from the great Disney family, has grown tenaciously ever since and is now hosted online over the Thanksgiving weekend in the USA. The festival celebrates the very best of animation from all over the world. Its deep underlying mission is to honor, support and showcase traditional hand-drawn/2D animation in an increasingly challenging digital age. The highlight of the festival's program is always the announcement and presentation of DRAWTASTIC's respected '**Golden Pencil Awards**'. However, The **DRAWTASTIC YOUTH** is now very pleased to announce that there will be two new award categories for **young animators** too!

DRAWTASTIC has attracted many major speakers to its event over the years, including many of the top names in the industry - including twice Oscar-nominated **TOMM MOORE**, legendary Disney producer **DON HAHN**, 'Mulan' director **BARRY COOK**, industry legend **RICHARD WILLIAMS**, 2DFX & Graphic Novel genius **MICHEL GAGNE** and 'Simpsons' animator **SILVIA POMPEI**, among many others.

“Youth Golden Pencil Award” competition schedule

Animation competition name	DRAWTASTIC Youth Animation - Golden Pencil Awards
Theme/Topic	Animate your “ Happiest Moment ”. (In other words, think of something that has made you very happy in your life and animate it – or even animate an imaginary event of what you would like to happen to you if you like!)
Film Length	12-18 years old: 15-60 seconds of animation. 11 years old and under: An animated flipbook.
Further information	Information- http://www.drawtastic.org Submission- https://filmfreeway.com/drawtastic2019

	(Note: Films do not need to be colored. Pencil coloring is OK.)
Judges	Professionals industry panel: Head Judge: Tony White. (60%) Guest judge (15%) Parent-based judge. (15%) Participant-based judge. (10%)
Sponsors	MSN XBOX, DigiPen Institute of Technology ...
Delivery method	Online submission and judging.
Category awards	Winner: Junior Golden Pencil.
	Top 3 entries: Certificate + to be updated
Entry fee	\$25
Submission deadline	Nov. 7th ,2019
Announcement	Nov. 28th, 2019
Online exhibition of winning works.	Thank giving holiday screening online: FREE Afterwards: \$5 for 1 year's online access.
Live Public ceremony	Dec. 15th, 2019
Equipment needed	See our website announcement at... www.drawtastic.org/youthawards.html

Rules & Terms

- Submitted films must have all presentation rights cleared and approved for online and public screening by the festival organizers prior to their submission.
- All submitted films will pre-screened by the festival organizers for suitability and judging, prior to the event.
- Golden Pencil Award-winning films will be announced in November 2019 and screened online in November 2019. Filmmakers will be informed 1 week ahead of the announcement of their winning film, so they have time to prepare social media promotion material that can coincide with the announcement.
- In addition to award winning films being screened on the DRAWTASTIC website, they will also be additionally screened at various school, community and library venues as part of the pre 2020 festival promotion tour.
- Submitting filmmakers additionally agree that the festival may use stills and/or short video clips from their films for promotional purposes.