

Pixar in Prague

For the first time in Prague an exhibition showcasing the artwork of the world-famous animation studio

From 14 February to 26 May 2019, the Krizik's Pavillions at the Holešovice Exhibition Grounds in Prague will host a spectacular exhibition of artwork from the most renowned animation studio in the world - Pixar. The exhibition, called *Pixar - 30 Years of Animation*, will present archival as well as newer works from the famous studio in a showcase that lets visitors take a look under the hood at how Pixar makes its films. The exhibit also delves into Pixar's process for creating characters that will resonate with audiences worldwide, and features original drawings that help illuminate the studio's creative methods. This exhibition has been seen by audiences around the globe, and now it is ready to premiere in the Czech Republic.

From the early animated shorts to Toy Story and The Incredibles; across more than thirty years of development and hard work; from a small team of animation enthusiasts to the most famous animation studio of the universe – you have, in a nutshell, the whole evolution of Pixar Animation Studios. Its fans in the Czech Republic will have the opportunity to see that evolution at the spectacular exhibition that will open its doors on 14 February 2019. Hundreds of original drawings – many featuring characters like Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Nemo, Dory, and Mike and Sulley – all known from now-classic works of animated cinema – will go on display. Visitors will see the entire history of the studio and learn what it means to create an animated film and how Pixar's characters and stories come to life.

The "Pixar 30 Years of Animation" exhibit is an official touring exhibition from the studio. In addition to traditional and digitally painted artwork, guests will be treated to other multi-media experiences, including a Zoetrope in which the Toy Story characters come whirling to life, and ArtScape, an immersive look into the worlds of Pixar's films. For school groups, a special workshop center will be set up, where students will fill in provided worksheets and perform other activities.

In 1979 Ed Catmull was hired by George Lucas to head one of the divisions of Lucasfilm focused on digital production tools. A few years later, the animator John Lasseter joined the group, and, while working at Lucas, directed the first all-CG animated short film, *The Adventures of André and Wally B.* In 1986 George Lucas sold his computer graphics division to Steve Jobs, who, along with Lasseter and Catmull, named the new company Pixar Animation Studios. In 1995, Pixar released its first fully computer animated feature film, *Toy Story*. *Toy Story* was a huge success both at the box office, and with critics. The film's pioneering use of computer animation ushered in a new wave of digital filmmaking, impacting not only animation, but the visual effects industry as well. For *Toy Story*, John Lasseter received a Special Achievement Award at the Oscars® and the film was nominated for Best Original Screenplay, the first ever such nomination for an animated film. A year later, Jan Pinkava, the Czech writer and director who then worked for Pixar, directed the short film *Geri's Game*, which won an Oscar® for Best Animated Short. In the years that followed, Pixar continued to create some of the most successful and beloved animated films of all time, including "*Monsters, Inc.*," "*Finding Nemo*," "*Cars*," "*The Incredibles*," "*Ratatouille*," "*WALL•E*," "*Up*," "*Toy Story 3*," "*Brave*," "*Inside Out*," and "*Coco*." Its movies have won 35 total Academy Awards® and have grossed more than \$13 billion at the worldwide box office to date. "*Incredibles 2*," Pixar's 20th feature, was released in 2018.

In the Czech Republic the exhibition is organized by the Art Movement company, organizers of many other successful exhibitions in Prague including Tim Burton and His World and David Cronenberg: Evolution.

The exhibition "Pixar - 30 Years of Animation" will present the entire history of the famous studio and will take visitors on a trip through the world of animation. For more information on the exhibition see www.pixarexhibition.cz

The tickets will be available online (TicketMaster) or directly on the spot.

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