

Michael Trcic Bio

Michael attended Point Park College in Pittsburgh, where he was born. With his sights on a degree in Filmmaking, Michael quickly became known in the Pittsburgh film community for his ability to sculpt, paint and create various special makeup effects for both student and teacher films. After working on several movies in Pittsburgh with filmmaking icons Tom Savini and George Romero, Michael and his wife Christine made the move to Los Angeles. He created special effects for numerous films and his work has won Oscars for both “Jurassic Park” and “Terminator 2”.

A longtime resident of Arizona, Michael has, for over 20 years, created bronze sculpture in his Sedona studio. His current work celebrates our western heritage, which is rich with colorful characters and men and women of great fortitude. Michael’s work can be seen at Mountain Trails Gallery at Tlaquepaque in Sedona.

In addition to his Western Sculpture, Michael is considered one of the nation’s leading Paleo-Artists and his life restorations of dinosaurs have been a part of private and public collections worldwide. He has been commissioned to recreate these incredible animals by the Discovery Channel, IMAX, The University of Chicago, The National Geographic Society, and Disney. His life size bronze “Dilophosaurus,” (a dinosaur from Arizona’s early Jurassic), welcomes visitors to the Arizona Museum of Natural History in Mesa, Arizona.

Resume



Sculpting the T. rex - Key Artist - Jurassic Park
Stan Winston Studio

Filmography

My first taste of special effects animation work came while working part time at Anivision, a Pittsburgh based animation studio owned by Rick Catizone. After working on several movies in Pittsburgh, I made the move to Los Angeles in January of 1987. I gained experience creating special effects make-up and puppeteering on many "B" horror movies. The culmination of my 20-year film career in special effects was as key sculptor and puppeteer of the life-size Tyrannosaurus Rex for "Jurassic Park."

The following is a chronological list of Films & Television shows that I have worked on:

When Dinosaurs Roamed America (Discovery Channel) - 2001
T-rex: Back to the Cretaceous (IMAX) - 1998
In the Mouth of Madness - 1994
Jurassic Park - 1993
Batman Returns - 1992
Terminator 2: Judgment Day - 1991
Horror Hall of Fame - 1990
Child's Play II - 1990
A Gnome Named Gnorm - 1990
Glory - 1989
Tales from the Crypt (HBO) - 1989
Food of the Gods II - 1989
Leviathan - 1989
Deep Star Six - 1989

Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure - 1989
Watchers - 1988
The Naked Gun - 1988
Alien Nation - 1988
Monkeyshines - 1988
The Hidden - 1987
Creepshow II - 1987
Evil Dead II - 1987
Act of Vengeance - 1986
Day of the Dead - 1985
Mrs. Soffel - 1984
Lightning over Braddock: A Rustbowl Fantasy - 1983
Various Pittsburgh based commercials - 1981 - 1984



Puppeteer Crew Terminator II

From the left- Shane Mayhan, John Rosengrant, Charles Lutkus III, Arnold?
Stan Winston, Arnold?, Richard Landon, Brock Winkless, Mike Trcic

College

Point Park College Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Awards

March 2012- Western Art Collector Magazine's Award of Excellence, Western Artists of America Show & Sale, Corsicana, TX

October 2001 – Society of Vertebrate Paleontology
John J. Lanzendorf PaleoArt Award for "Dilophosaurus"

October 2000- Society of Vertebrate Paleontology
John J. Lanzendorf PaleoArt Award for "Jobaria"

October 1997- Sedona Sculpture Walk
Honorable Mention for "Bird of Prey"

Magazines

Nov 2013 - Western Art Collector

Nov 2012 - Western Art Collector, "Artist Focus"

July 2012 - American Handgunner Magazine

July 2012 - Guns Magazine

March 2012 - Western Art Collector

Jan 2012 - VFW Magazine

July 2010 - Western Art Collector

July 2009 - Art of the West

Fall 2008 - Sculptural Pursuit

May 2008 - Pen Magazine (Japan)

May 2006 - Cowboys and Indians

April 2005 - Discover (*Front Cover*)

Spring 2003 - Sedona Magazine

Feb. 2000 - Arizona Highways

April 1999 - Cinefex (Front Cover)
Fall 1998 - Sculpture Forum
April 1996 - Earth
Dec. 1995 - Southwest Art
Jan. 1993 - National Geographic
June 1993 - Newsweek (Front Cover)
Sept. 1993 - Wildlife Art
Aug. 1993 - Cinefex (Front Cover)
Prehistoric Times #19
Amazing Figure Modeler Issues #12, #16

Gallery Representation

Mountain Trails Gallery, Sedona, AZ *Resident Sculptor

Professional Memberships

National Sculpture Society
Screen Actor's Guild

Collegiate Appointments

Distinguished Fellow in Special Effects in Film
Center for Film, Media and Popular Culture, Arizona State
University, Tempe, AZ

Books

2012 Pen Books (Japan)
2008 A History of Paleontology Illustration
2001 Mesozoic Vertebrate Life
2000 Dinosaur Imagery: The Lanzendorf Collection
1994 Hunting Dinosaurs
1993 The Making of Jurassic Park
1991 The Making of Terminator 2 Judgment Day

Workshops Taught

2013 November - 3 Day Workshop "Focus on the Face"
Sedona, Az

2012 September - October 6 Weeks "Sculpting the Head In
Clay" Sedona, Az

2011 August - September 6 Weeks "The Human Figure In
Clay" Sedona, Az

Exhibits and Shows

2013 - Mountain Oyster Club Contemporary Western Art
Show & Sale, Tucson, AZ

2013 - *Early West Storyteller*, Phippen Museum, Prescott, AZ

2013 - Artists of the American West Show and Sale, Pearce
Museum, Corsicana TX

2012 - Mountain Oyster Club Contemporary Western Art
Show & Sale, Tucson, AZ

2012 - Phippen Museum Western Art Show and Sale, Prescott,
AZ

2012 - Western Artists of America 8th Annual Sale and
Exhibition, Pearce Museum Corsicana, TX

2011 - Phippen Museum Western Art Show and Sale, Prescott,
AZ

2011 - Sculpture in the Park Show and Sale, Loveland, CO

2011 - Mountain Oyster Club Contemporary Western Art
Show & Sale, Tucson, AZ

2010 - Phippen Museum Western Art Show and Sale,
Prescott, AZ

2010 - Sculpture in the Park Show and Sale, Loveland, CO

2010 - Mountain Oyster Club Contemporary Western Art
Show & Sale, Tucson, AZ

2010 - Scottsdale Artist's School, The Best and the Brightest
Juried Art Exhibition and Sale, Scottsdale, AZ

2009 - Phippen Museum Western Art Show and Sale,
Prescott, AZ
2009 - Sculpture in the Park Show and Sale, Loveland, CO
2008 - Guest Resident Artist, Mountain Trails Gallery,
Sedona, AZ
2008 - Sculpture in the Park Show and Sale, Loveland, CO
2008 - Phippen Museum Western Art Show and Sale,
Prescott, AZ
2007 - Sculpture in the Park Show and Sale, Loveland, CO
2003 - *Indianapolis Children's Museum, Indianapolis, IN*
(*Permanent Collection*)
2002 - *Mesa Southwest Museum, Mesa, AZ* (*Permanent*
Collection)
2000 - *Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL*
1999 - *National Geographic Explorer's Hall, Washington, DC*
1999 - *Disney World, Animal Kingdom's Dinoland, Orlando,*
FL (*Permanent Collection*)
1998-2001 - Tuscon Mineral and Fossil Show, Tucson, AZ
1997-2004 - *Museum of the Red Rocks, Sedona, AZ*
1997-2000 - Saguaro Gallery, Park City, UT
1996 - Dinosaur Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
1995-1997 - Soderberg Gallery, Sedona, AZ
1994-1997 - Sedona Sculpture Walk, Sedona, AZ
1994-1998 - Sculpture in the Park Show and Sale, Loveland,
CO

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