

# SCANDINAVIAN FOCUS

BRIEF TOUCH ON BITS AND PIECES OF THE NORDIC VFX AND CG COMMUNITY

## DENMARK

### A. FILM

#### FACTS

- Founded in 1988
- Offices in Germany, Estonia and Denmark... main studio is in Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Main focus is character animation
- Latest international production... *Niko & the Way to the Stars*
- Latest Danish production... *Olsen Gang Gets Polished*
- As of now 22 full time employees in Denmark and a few handfuls in Germany and Estonia
- Currently looking for riggers, composers and character animators

#### CURRENT PRODUCTION INCL. STEREOSCOPIC WORK

- Currently rendering stereoscopic version of *Olsen Gang Gets Polished* ... to be released October 2010

#### NEXT IN PIPELINE

- RITTER ROST, S3D feature film
- MIFFI, stop motion feature film
- DRACULAR, S3D feature film

[www.afilm.dk](http://www.afilm.dk)

### FACTS

- Founded in 2003
- Located in Hillerød north of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Main expertise... pipeline development, technical direction, and full service effects assignments
- Latest project LEGO STARWARS MINIMOVIE
- One man army with countless freelancers

### CURRENT PRODUCTION INCL. STEREOSCOPIC WORK

- Orla Frøsnapper, S3D feature film
- Olsen Gang Gets Polished, S3D feature film

### NEXT IN PIPELINE

- Well... You never know.

[www.anim.dk](http://www.anim.dk)

## FACTS

- Founded in 2006
- Located in Copenhagen, Denmark
- Main expertise... character animation and concept development
- Latest Danish production... *THE APPLE & THE WORM*
- Currently approx. 65 people
- Currently looking for all kinds of creative people... designers, animators, lighters, composers, TD's etc.

## CURRENT PRODUCTIONS INCL. STEREOSCOPIC WORK

- *THE GREAT BEAR*, S3D feature film, budget 2 mill. Euro
- *TIGERS & TATTOOS*, 2D animated short feature
- *SAVE THE PANDAS*, 2D animated satire series

## NEXT IN PIPELINE

- *KIWI & STRIT*, 3D animated series
- *PETITE*, live-action feature film
- *THE EASTER CHICKS SPRING PARTY*, 2D animated short feature

[www.copenhagenbombay.dk](http://www.copenhagenbombay.dk)

## FACTS

- Founded early 2009
- Located in Copenhagen, Denmark
- Main expertise... CG character animation (and ass kicking humor!)
- Latest titles we worked on were *Terkel In Trouble* (2004) and *Journey To Saturn* (2008)
- Amount of employees 12
- Currently looking for modelers, animators, lighting artists, composers, technical directors
- and stereoscopic experts

## CURRENT PRODUCTION INCL. STEREOSCOPIC WORK

- *Ronal The Barbarian*, S3D feature film
- Budget approx. 2,4 mill. Euros and **WE'RE FINANCED!** 😊
- Currently in storyboarding

## NEXT IN PIPELINE

- *Ronal The Barbarian II*
- *Poland* (working title)

[www.einsteinfilm.dk](http://www.einsteinfilm.dk)

## FACTS

- Founded in 2007
- Located in central Copenhagen, Denmark
- Main expertise... VFX
- Stereoscopic experience... None at this moment
- Latest well-known titles... Various commercials
- Amount of employees 4
- Currently looking for... All-round TD's

## CURRENT PRODUCTIONS

- Current production... Commercials

## NEXT IN PIPELINE

- More commercials ☺

[www.gunghovfx.dk](http://www.gunghovfx.dk)

## FACTS

- Studio start up year 1998
- Located in Copenhagen, Denmark
- Main expertise... GAMES!
- As of now not much stereoscopic experience
- Latest well-known titles... Kane&Lynch2: Dog Days, Mini Ninjas, Hitman Blood money, Kane&Lynch1: Dead Men
- Around 245 employees

## CURRENT PRODUCTION

- Kane&Lynch2: Dog Days
- ...and 2 unannounced productions!!!

NEXT IN PIPELINE... CAN'T REALLY TELL 😊

[www.ioi.dk](http://www.ioi.dk)

## FINLAND

### ANIMA VITAE OY

#### FACTS

- Founded in 2000
- Located in Helsinki, Finland
- Main expertise... CG Character animation & VFX
- Stereoscopic experience is still at its early stage, but next full feature Niko 2 will be stereoscopic.
- Latest well-known titles... *NIKO & The Way to the Stars (2008)*, *The Daily Ape Show* for World expo 2010 [www.dailyape.com](http://www.dailyape.com)
- Amount of employees approx. 15+8
- Currently looking for stereoscopic experts

#### CURRENT PRODUCTION

- Studio Killers
- Faust

#### NEXT IN PIPELINE

- The Daily Ape Show (actual series)

[www.anima.fi](http://www.anima.fi)



## FACTS

- Founded in 2001
- Located in Helsinki, Finland
- Main expertise... GAMES
- Stereoscopic experience... are as of now limited
- Latest well-known title... *Trine* (PS3/PC)
- Amount of employees 27
- Currently looking for... programmers

## CURRENT PRODUCTION

- One new IP... to be announced during 2010, budget 1,4 Mill. Euros
- One sequel... to be announced during 2010, budget 400k Euros

## NEXT IN PIPELINE

- one new IP
- one sequel will enter production in 2011

[www.frozenbyte.com](http://www.frozenbyte.com)

## FACTS

- Founded in 1995
- Located in Helsinki, Finland
- Main expertise... GAMES!!!
- Latest well-known title... ALAN WAKE (see fmx presentation Friday 10am)

**CURRENT PRODUCTIONS...** Still recovering from Alan Wake ☺

**NEXT IN PIPELINE...** We will see!

**[www.remedygames.com](http://www.remedygames.com)**

## FACTS

- Founded in 2001
- Located in central Helsinki, Finland
- Main expertise... CG character/VFX animation and stereoscopic productions
- Stereoscopic experience really got going in 2008
- Since then productions for autostereoscopic screens, 3D Cinema, web, lenticular prints
- Research projects in stereoscopy with Nokia research center, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland and University of Helsinki
- Latest well-known title... *Moomins and the Comet* (VFX), S3D feature film (fmx presentation yesterday)
- Amount of employees 10
- Currently looking for... Stereoscopic experts, Nuke specialists, S3D specialists in rendering, animation & modelling

## CURRENT PRODUCTION INCL. STEREOSCOPIC WORK

- *Ghost Town* stereoscopic multimedia production
- *Moomins and the Comet*, to be released May 2010

## NEXT IN PIPELINE

- *Ghost Town*, S3D TV series and cross media IP

[www.undo.fi](http://www.undo.fi)

## ICELAND

### CAOZ FILM

#### FACTS

- Founded 2001
- Located Reykjavík, Iceland
- Main expertise... CG character animation
- Latest well-known title... *Anna and the Moods* (short film)
- Amount of employees 26
- Currently looking for... lighters and animators

#### CURRENT PRODUCTION INCL. STEREOSCOPIC WORK

- *Thor - the Edda Chronicles*, S3D feature film
- Budget 8.3 million €, launch premiere August 2011

**NEXT IN PIPELINE...** Can't tell right now ☺

**[www.caoz.com](http://www.caoz.com)**

## NORWAY

### BUG

#### FACTS

- Founded in 1995
- Located in Bergen, Norway
- Main expertise... CG character animation and VFX
- Stereoscopic experience... Produced one of the world's first stereoscopic commercial in 2006
- Latest well-known titles... *City of Friends*
- Amount of employees 40
- Currently looking for... Animators, Compositors, TD`s

#### CURRENT PRODUCTION INCL. STEREOSCOPIC WORK

- Current production... *City of Friends*

**NEXT IN PIPELINE...** Come visit us and see ☺

**[www.bug.no](http://www.bug.no)**

### FACTS

- Founded in 1936
- Located in City Centre Oslo, Norway
- Main expertise... post-production, equipment, online/offline, scanning, VFX, sounddesign etc.
- Stereoscopic experience... Starting this year, both animation and live footage
- Latest well-known titles... Approx. 10-15 feature films each year, some with international distribution:
  - *A somewhat gentle man*
  - *Max Manus*
  - *Reprise*
  - *Nord*
- Amount of employees 50

### NEXT IN PIPELINE

- *The Curling King*
- *Fritt Vilt 3*
- *Keepe*

[www.storylinestudios.no](http://www.storylinestudios.no)

### FACTS

- Started as AnimagicNet in the late 90s and became Storm Studios in 2005
- Located in Oslo, Norway
- Main expertise... VFX and CG animation
- Stereoscopic experience... we have started building our own stereo pipeline
- Latest well-known titles... *Max Manus* (and after that, several less known Norwegian titles)
- Amount of employees 20 + number of int.nat. Freelancers (currently totaling 27)

### CURRENT PRODUCTION INCL. STEREOSCOPIC WORK

- *Trollhunter*, Norwegian feature film with digital creatures

**NEXT IN PIPELINE...** can't really tell ☺

**[www.stormstudios.no](http://www.stormstudios.no)**

## FACTS

- Founded 2001... reborn as Stripe 2007
- Located in Oslo, Norway
- Main expertise... VFX / Post production for commercials and TV productions
- Stereoscopic experience... did our first stereoscopic production back in 2001/02 and have since then done several productions, both filmed, CGI or a combination of both. These productions have mainly been done for kick-offs and/or internal showrooms where Panasonic and Volvo probably are the most known client names
- Latest well-known title...
  - *Knerten*, live action feature film with CG fx. And character
  - *Pelle Politibil*
  - *V75, Elkjøp, Lano Blåfjell*, commercials
  - *Spellemann 2010*, jingle
- Amount of employees... 5 (core team) + freelancers
- Currently looking for... 3D generalists

## NEXT IN PIPELINE

- Undisclosed project in addition to several commercials

[www.stripe.no](http://www.stripe.no)



## SWEDEN

### EXOTIC MATTER

#### FACTS

- Founded in 2008
- Located in Stockholm, Sweden
- Main expertise... Software development
- Stereoscopic experience... Nope! ☺
- Latest well known title... NAIAD software
- Amount of employees... 2-5 people

#### CURRENT PRODUCTIONS

More NAIAD...

#### NEXT IN PIPELINE

More NAIAD...

[www.exoticmatter.com](http://www.exoticmatter.com)

### FACTS

- Founded winter 2007
- Located in central Stockholm, Sweden
- Main expertise ... VFX
- Latest well-known titles... - *Adidas - Team Geist*, *Absolut Vodka - Black&White*
- Amount of employees 10 full time
- Currently looking for... CG Generalists with a good eye

### CURRENT PRODUCTIONS

- *Vitamin Well*
- *Bredbandsbolaget*
- *Wrigleys*

**NEXT IN PIPELINE...** Is a secret ☺

[www.ilpvfx.com](http://www.ilpvfx.com)

## FACTS

- Founded in 2008
- Located in Malmö, Sweden
- Main expertise... idea and concept development
- Latest well-known title... TVC for NCAA March Madness - CBS Sports
- Amount of employees 6
- Currently looking for... extremely talented freelancers in any area!

## CURRENT PRODUCTION

- Lots of TV commercials and a web campaign

**NEXT IN PIPELINE**... commercials, and some more commercials 😊

[www.upperfirst.com](http://www.upperfirst.com)

## SCHOOLS

### THE ANIMATION WORKSHOP

#### FACTS

- Founded in 1990
- Located in Viborg, Denmark
- Offering... Courses in character animation and CG Arts in general
- Admitting 50 students per year, 25 students per program (CA & CGA)
- Education starts twice a year Summer/Winter

#### OUR AMBITION

- Provide high class character animation in both 2D and 3D
- Train high class CG Artists covering concept design, full Maya pipeline, VFX
- To keep close contact with the industry and it's needs
- To engage the best international instructors for our classes

**STEREOSCOPIC TRAINING...** Nothing yet 😊

**[www.animwork.dk](http://www.animwork.dk)**

## **FACTS**

- Founded in 1998
- Located in Copenhagen, Denmark
- Offering long-term programs and short courses
- Admitting 25 students/year on our 3DDA education
- Education starts once a year in September

## **OUR AMBITION**

- To keep close contact with the industry and it's needs
- To engage the best international instructors for our classes
- To generate 3D computer graphic artists of the highest quality

## **STEREOSCOPIC TRAINING**

- Will be part of future courses

**[www.truemax.com](http://www.truemax.com)**

## ANIMATION SCHOOLS IN EKSJÖ

### FACTS

- Digital Visualisation School founded 2005
- Located in Eksjö, south of Sweden
- Main expertise... classic 2D & CG animation, VFX, compositing
- Offers 3-year programs
- Secondary Upper School level
- Stereoscopic experience... Not much as of now but in the future plans
- Permits between 35 - 50 students per year.

[www.iaa.se](http://www.iaa.se)

## DADIU

### FACTS

- Founded in 2005
- Located in Copenhagen, Denmark
- Collaborative games education joining Danish Academy for Digital Interactive Entertainment (DADIU) and The Danish Film School
- DADIU create game productions for students from art schools and universities in all of Denmark
- Course run over two years
- The Game Designers come from The IT University of Copenhagen and Media Studies at University of Copenhagen and Digital Design at Aalborg University
- The Game Directors come from The National Film School of Denmark
- The Animators come from e.g. The Animation Workshop

### CLOSE CONTACT TO INDUSTRY

- Close collaboration with local and region industry
- The industry people teach part of the joint curriculum
- The industry people participate in evaluating the games

<http://english.dadiu.dk/>

## FACTS

- Founded in 1993
- Located in the nice countryside of Jylland, Denmark
- Offering... courses of 34 weeks with all aspects of live action filmmaking
- Btw. 110 to 115 students per year
- 50% Danish Students
- 50% foreign Students represent more than 20 different countries
- More than 1600 students have graduated from European Film College, the majority of them are now working in the film or TV business

## STEREOSCOPIC TRAINING

- Will host an international S3D workshop for professionals in May 2010,
- Will be able to screen S3D from June 2010
- Offering S3D courses as part of our future educational program (starting September 2010)

[www.efc.dk](http://www.efc.dk)

## RELEVANT LINKS...

### STUDIOS

- [www.afilm.dk](http://www.afilm.dk)
- [www.anim.dk](http://www.anim.dk)
- [www.anima.fi](http://www.anima.fi)
- [www.bug.no](http://www.bug.no)
- [www.caoz.com](http://www.caoz.com)
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- <http://english.dadiu.dk/>
- [www.iaa.se](http://www.iaa.se)

...and there are of course a lot more ☺