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Spontaneous Fantasia by J Walt**J.Walt, independent designer, filmmaker, graphic arts and composer**

Louisiana Art and Science Museum Planetarium

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Abstract:

The Irene Pennington Planetarium, LASM, Sky Scan, and the Red Stick International Animation Festival present cutting-edge immersive 3D real time animation, performed live by artist/programmer/composer J.Walt Adamczyk. The show represents a brand new art form where the one-hour animated program won't exist until the artist creates it live in front of the audience. J.Walt's Spontaneous Fantasia is a new performing art form which utilizes high-tech interactive 3D animation techniques developed for video games, simulation, and virtual reality. Animation artist J.Walt Adamczyk has designed and programmed works of computer animation in which he draws fantastic, ethereal imagery with musical accompaniment live before an audience. The art form combines elements of painting, music, dance, animation, video art, sculpture, and architecture. There will be two screenings, one at 4:00 p.m. and one at 7:00 p.m. REGISTRATION REQUIRED: See Redstick International Animation Festival's site for registration information: redstickfestival.org

Speaker's Bio:

J.Walt is an interactive designer, filmmaker, graphic artist, and composer. He has been at the forefront of interactive art and computer performance, expanding the uses of computer animation into uncharted territories. He is an award-winning pioneer of computer-generated puppetry, having created many digital puppets over the years. In March 2006, he won a Technical Academy Award for his development of a real-time pre-visualization system.