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Red Stick International Animation Festival Brings Back Pitch! Contest

Future Trey Parkers and Matt Stones will have a chance to present their ideas for an animated television series or a feature film to a panel of studio decision-makers during the fifth annual Red Stick International Animation Festival, April 22-25.

Last year, the festival, which CCT sponsors in partnership with East Baton Rouge Parish Mayor-President's Office, Baton Rouge Area Chamber, Baton Rouge Area Foundation, Louisiana Economic Development and Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, developed a Pitch! Contest and workshop track for potential animators. Based on the success of last year's event, the Pitch! Contest returns in 2009.

"Red Stick had many talented entries in our first PITCH! Contest, and we are excited to offer a new group of potential producers and writers a chance to put their ideas in front of industry experts, talk their ideas over with the professionals to further develop them and, who knows, maybe make a deal to produce their show!" said Red Stick International Animation Festival Director Stacey Simmons. "We are changing the admissions process slightly to allow more people the opportunity to participate, and we can't wait to see the ideas submitted for this year's contest."

Red Stick will choose 30 teams to participate in the Pitch! Workshop, which involves a series of lectures and breakout groups culminating in the actual pitch to a panel of acquisitions executives from major animation studios. All Pitch! events will take place during the Red Stick International Animation Festival.

In addition to the Pitch! Contest, other Red Stick activities will take place at the Shaw Center for the Arts, the Manship Theatre, the Louisiana Art and Science Museum, or LASM, and the Old State Capitol. Red Stick offers free animation screenings for families and this year, the festival features a record-breaking selection of original animated screenings from its Best of the Fest competition.

For more information about the Pitch! Contest or other Red Stick events, please visit www.redstickfestival.org.

Pats on the Back:

- Congratulations to Professors Thomas Sterling and Tevfik Kosar, who were profiled as the University's Flagship Faculty in the March editions of LSU Today.

- Jorge Pullin, CCT interim co-director and professor in LSU's Department of Physics and Astronomy, won a community prize in an inaugural essay contest for the Foundational Questions Institute, a physics and astronomy research organization. Participants submitted essays on "The Nature of Time," and foundation members and contest entrants voted to select the winners. Dr. Pullin co-authored a paper with Dr. Rodolfo Gambini, and they received a \$2,500 prize for their work.

CCT in the News:

- **Batoon Rouge**
Source: Baton Rouge Business Report
Inside a dark editing suite at the Digital FX studio on Perkins Road, animator Aaron Michel is showing off the three-dimensional cobra he created for a recent episode of National Geographic's TV series *World's Deadliest Animals*.
<http://www.businessreport.com/news/2009/mar/23/batoon-rouge-edv11/>
- **Keeping the Big Jobs Running-Nation's HPC Experts Meet to Discuss Fault Tolerance**
Source: TeraGrid
The National Science Foundation Office of Cyberinfrastructure's Blue Waters and TeraGrid projects co-sponsored the Fault Tolerance for Extreme Scalability Workshop held recently in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Fifty national experts met to discuss issues relating to the fault-tolerance on today's and tomorrow's petascale and exascale computing systems - supercomputers capable of performing quadrillions and quintillions of calculations every second. This is comparable to the computational power of one million personal computers.
<http://www.teragrid.org/news/news09/0324.html>

Upcoming Lectures:

- Claude Le Bris from Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussees, will be speaking as part of the Frontiers of Scientific Computing Lecture series on April 15. The lecture, "Computational Multiscale Mechanics: A Mathematical Perspective" will take place at 1 p.m. in 338 Johnston.

Please Note:

- Next week is Spring Break for the University, and classes will not take place Monday through Friday. All campus offices and operations will be closed on Friday, April 10, in observance of Good Friday.
- The LSU Center for Computation & Technology (CCT) will host the Fifth Gulf Coast Gravity Meeting on the LSU campus April 17 & 18, 2009. There is no

conference fee to attend the meeting, but registration is required. Register at:
<http://www.cct.lsu.edu/GCGM2009>

- Training for next LONI workshop will be April 13th & 14th at Tulane University in Stanley Thomas Hall room 101. For details and topics offered or to register for the workshop please see: <http://www.hpc.lsu.edu/training/20090413/index.php>
- Wednesday, April 1, is the "Introduction to Compilers on the Dell Linux Clusters" training. To register visit:
<http://www.hpc.lsu.edu/training/tutorials/index.php#spring09compilers-opt>
- 2009 IEEE International Conference on Cluster Computing (Cluster 2009) conference, to be held in New Orleans Aug. 31-Sept. 4. Cluster 2009 welcomes paper and poster submissions on innovative work from researchers in academia, industry, and government, describing original research in the field of cluster computing. For deadlines and instructions, see the conference Web site:
<http://www.cluster2009.org/>
- ALL CCT meetings of the Spring 2009 semester will take place Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in Johnston 338. If you have any information, news or announcements you wish to include at the meeting, please notify Karen Jones, kjones@cct.lsu.edu.
ALL CCT meetings for this semester are scheduled for April 15 and May 20. Please make every effort to attend.
- If you have any news for the CCT Weekly, please e-mail PR Manager Kristen Sunde directly at ksunde@cct.lsu.edu.

Upcoming Grant Deadlines:

Note: Please see the CCT deadline Web site, as many NSF deadlines are listed here:
<http://www.cct.lsu.edu/about/grants/deadlines/events.php>