

Announcement!

2022 DRAWTASTIC Junior Animation Festival

~ Junior Golden Pencil Awards ~

The **DRAWTASTIC JUNIOR Animation Festival** – founded by Tony White and the 2D ACADEMY – is proud to announce they are working in conjunction with the XBOX of Microsoft, the DigiPen Institute of Technology and the DRAWTASTIC Animation Festival, to present the Year 2022 “**Junior Golden Pencil Awards**”. Together they are extending an invitation to all young animated filmmakers around the world to take part in a very unique animation competition.

The **DRAWTASTIC Animation Festival**, was founded in 2005. The inaugural event was opened by the ROY E. DISNEY, nephew of the great Walt Disney. It has grown tenaciously ever since and is now hosted online each February in the USA. The festival celebrates the very best of animation from all over the world. Its deep underlying mission is to honor, support and showcase traditional hand-drawn/2D animation in an increasingly challenging digital age. The highlight of the festival's program is always the announcement and presentation of DRAWTASTIC's respected '**Golden Pencil Awards**'. However, The **DRAWTASTIC Animation Festival** is now very pleased to announce that there will be two new award categories – short film and flipbook - for **young animators** also!

DRAWTASTIC has attracted many major speakers to its event over the years, including many of the top names in the industry - including three-times Oscar-nominated **TOMM MOORE**, legendary Disney producer **DON HAHN**, 'Mulan' director **BARRY COOK**, industry legend **RICHARD WILLIAMS**, 2DFX & Graphic Novel genius **MICHEL GAGNE** and 'Simpsons' animator **SILVIA POMPEI**, among many others.

“Junior Golden Pencil Award” competition schedule

Animation competition name	Junior Golden Pencil Awards
Theme/Topic	To be announced in February, 2022
Film Length	12-18 years old: 15-60 seconds of animation. 11 years old and under: An animated flipbook.
Further information	Information- www.juniordrawtastic.com Submission- www.filmfreeway.com/drawtastic2022 once the competition is announced.
	(Note: Films do not need to be colored. Pencil coloring is OK.)
Judges	Professionals industry panel: Head Judge: Tony White. (40%) Guest judges (30%)

	Audience judge. (15%) Participants based judge. (15%)
Sponsors	MSN XBOX, DigiPen Institute of Technology, DRAWTASTIC Animation Festival, 2D Academy.
Delivery method	Online submission and judging.
Category awards	Winner: Junior Golden Pencil.
	Top 3 entries: Certificate + to be updated
Entry fee	\$25
Submission deadline	January 1 st , 2023
Announcement	February , 2023
Online exhibition of winning works.	\$5 for 1 year's online access.
Live Public ceremony	February , 2023
Equipment needed	See our website announcement at www.juniordrawtastic.com

Rules & Terms

- Submitted films must have all presentation rights cleared and approved for online and public screening by the festival organizers prior to their submission.
- All submitted films will pre-screened by the festival organizers for suitability and judging, prior to the event.
- Golden Pencil Award-winning films will be announced in February 2023 and screened online in February 2023. Filmmakers will be informed 1 week ahead of the announcement of their winning film, so they have time to prepare social media promotion material that can coincide with the announcement.
- In addition to award winning films being screened on the DRAWTASTIC website, they will also be additionally screened at various school, community and library venues as part of the pre 2023 festival promotion tour.
- Submitting filmmakers additionally agree that the festival may use stills and/or short video clips from their films for promotional purposes.