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## Disney Animator Teaches How to Create Characters at Rogue Community College

MEDFORD, Ore.—Retired Disney animator Phil Young will teach you how to make the characters you've been sketching come alive in Character Development for Animation, a new Rogue Community College Continuing Education class. Teens are welcome.

Over a decades-long career, Mr. Young has animated many familiar characters from Ariel in *The Little Mermaid* to Musafa in *The Lion King*.

He'll cover a unique and lesser-known secret about animation; making a model of your character is vital to the visualization process, even for computer 3D modeling. In addition to traditional line drawings, everyone in class will make a small model, or "Character Maquette," out of wire and sculpted clay.

"We're very lucky to have Phil in our community. He has a wealth of experience and his students have used their drawings in their own videos, and have gone on to work in cartoons, movies and as game designers," says Kenton Gould, community education coordinator, adding, "I'm sure you'll also get a story here and there in class about some of the goings on when a movie is created, such as the emphasis on developing a great story and sharing ideas with other artists."

Classes will run from April 2 through June 11 and will meet Thursdays from 6 to 7:50 p.m. at the RCC/SOU Higher Education Center in Medford, Room 117. Tuition is \$69. Materials cost is estimated at \$30 to \$40.

More on Mr. Young and the class is available at: [www.rogucecc.edu/CommunityEd/Animation](http://www.rogucecc.edu/CommunityEd/Animation). To register by phone, call 541-956-7303.

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