



LOST BOYS LEARNING *Students Getting Animated in Comox*

Comox, BC, Canada (April 6, 2006) - As the first class of 3D Animation and Visual Effects completes their tenth week of intensive training out of a fifteen week term, animated spoons, logos, McFlurry cups, Smarties, Energy Bars, beetles, spiders, cicadas and grasshoppers are digitally flying around the Lost Boys Learning studio.

It has been a busy couple of months at Lost Boys, since receiving their Registration Certificate from the Private Career Training Institutions Agency of BC (PCTIA) and commencing the first Foundation term.

With a low student to teacher ratio, Lost Boys Learning is utilizing Project-Based Learning, a technique which enables the students to explore and grasp concepts and methods within a simulated production pipeline. Two outdoor shoots have taken place to gather background footage for projects, including the "Telekinesis Spoon" project (mind-control bends spoon as seen in "The Matrix") and the "Insect" project (photorealistic insect created and animated into live action scene). Additional projects include designing and animating a "flying logo" and modeling, texturing and lighting a simulated TV commercial Product Shot. All learning exercises are designed to be demo reel pieces so at the end of each term the students have a body of work to present in their personal portfolios.



Mark Benard shoots background footage.



Students Patrick, Abiola, Jessica and James on location.

In the community, Lost Boys Mentor/Instructor **Mark Benard** was recently invited to act as 3D Character Animation Category Judge at the **Skills Canada Regional** competition at Timberline Secondary in Campbell River. Mark will be visiting the school again to meet with interested students and with Animation Instructor Dave Coad.



Abiola Onikoyi's 3D Product.

James Carver's 3D Product.

Patrick Switzer's 3D Beetle.

Jessica Johnston's 3D Spoon.

The application process is already underway for the next Foundation intake, starting in September 2006. The program consists of three fifteen-week terms, leading to a Certificate in 3D Animation & Visual Effects. The class size will be targeted at eight to ten students.

Full program description and more information are available on the Lost Boys Learning website at www.lostboys-learning.com or by calling 339-9645. Lost Boys Learning is a division of VFX & Animation company Lost Boys Studios Inc., www.lostboys-studios.com.