



Master Class: Harnessing AI as a Tool in Animated Storytelling

Recommended Resources

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Michaela's Films

- [Thank You, Mom](#)
- [The Christmas Recipe](#)
- [Echoes of Legend](#)

Script Writing & Voice Production

- ChatGPT — <https://chat.openai.com>
- Final Draft — <https://www.finaldraft.com>
- ElevenLabs (AI voice & VO production) — <https://elevenlabs.io>
- Adobe Audition — <https://www.adobe.com/products/audition.html>

Art Style & Image Generation

- ComfyUI — <https://www.comfy.org> (community / workflows)
- MidJourney — <https://www.midjourney.com>
- Kontext Flux.1 (Stable Diffusion model variant) — <https://huggingface.co/black-forest-labs/FLUX.1-dev>
- Photoshop — <https://www.adobe.com/products/photoshop.html>
- Canva — <https://www.canva.com>

Animation, Lip Sync & Acting

- Kling (ByteDance text-to-video) — <https://klingai.com> (CN only, mirrors via news)
- Veo (Google DeepMind video model) — <https://deepmind.google/discover/blog/veo/>
- MidJourney (animation workflows) — <https://www.midjourney.com>
- Hedra AI (3D avatar & lipsync) — <https://www.hedra.com>
- Adobe Character Animator — <https://www.adobe.com/products/character-animator.html>

Editing & VFX

- Premiere Pro — <https://www.adobe.com/products/premiere.html>
- After Effects — <https://www.adobe.com/products/aftereffects.html>

Communication & Creative Management

- Slack — <https://slack.com>
- Figma — <https://www.figma.com>



- SyncSketch — <https://syncsketch.com>

Other Platforms

- Descript — AI editing tool for narration + voice replacement. <https://www.descript.com>
- Runway / Pika Labs — cinematic polish: transitions, visual consistency, video refinement. <https://runwayml.com> | <https://pika.art>
- Leonardo AI / Stable Diffusion — design visual look of characters, worlds, props. <https://leonardo.ai> | <https://stability.ai>
- Storyboarder — best AI model implementation to streamline storyboarding. <https://storyboarder.ai>

Shared Resources List

- **Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers**
<https://www.cisac.org/>
- **The Role of AI in Assisting Animation Production** (SAE Blog)
https://www.sae.edu/gbr/insights/the-role-of-ai-in-assisting-animation-production-unlocking-new-creative-possibilities/?utm_source=chatgpt.com
Explores how AI is transforming animation production — automation in backgrounds, character movement, challenges, and creative potential.
- **Using AI Tools to Speed Up Cartoon Animator Workflow** (Reallusion Magazine)
https://magazine.reallusion.com/2025/07/03/using-ai-tools-to-speed-up-cartoon-animator-workflow/?utm_source=chatgpt.com
Case-study style workflow using Cartoon Animator + AI to accelerate production.
- **AI Animation Tutorials** (AIAnimation.com)
https://aianimation.com/ai-animation-tutorials/?utm_source=chatgpt.com
A hub of tutorials combining AI techniques with traditional animation skills.
- **Create AI-Animated Stories For FREE** (YouTube)
<https://youtu.be/hJ3Vkr6ibo?si=c9dwDEXarDliyhV4>
Walkthrough of a narrative + animation pipeline using free tools.
- **How to Create Short Animation Movies – AI Workflow** (YouTube)
https://youtu.be/wMQdGj4Jw_8?si=F66LDkwcQ-6JJihg
Full AI-assisted pipeline from story to animated output.
- **Google Slides — Behind The Scenes: [Electric Pink](#) for the Google I/O**
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1-Ew_V-B0K6krtFkdr2xnPNXwcwxkFlxFajzz_55rbik/edit
Public slide deck showing behind-the-scenes process.
- **LinkedIn Profile: Henry Daubrez**
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/upskydown/>
Animation director working with AI tools; posts workflows and tips.