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AT-PROMISE YOUTH ANIMATION ACADEMY

In the past several years, The Walt Disney Family Museum has significantly increased its commitment to providing art and animation instruction to underrepresented communities. We are therefore pleased to announce that the Museum will be launching the first-ever At-Promise Youth Animation Academy in San Francisco. This comprehensive program will provide state-of-the-art training in the field of animation for young people experiencing economic and social displacement.

Building on Walt Disney's legacy of fostering the next generation of creative talent (who, like him, come from humble beginnings), as well as the Museum's own commitment to underserved individuals and communities, the Academy will provide comprehensive training in art, animation, storytelling, and other disciplines in a unique jobs-training program. In addition to helping to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline so many underresourced young people in communities of color experience, the Academy will strive to diversify the employee ranks in the animation and film industries.

The Academy seeks to provide a nurturing, creative environment in which the students will learn—in addition to animation skills that can help put them on a career path in a creative industry—perseverance, problem-solving, collaboration, and conflict resolution.

KEY POINTS:

- The Academy will be modeled as a four-year high school, concentrating on recruitment from historically underserved communities.
- Curricula will center on animation, with a full-length animated film contemplated as a graduation project.
- Students will receive state-of-the-art animation training, engaging and leveraging the Museum's industry and academic partnerships.
- Lessons will be structured around the 12 principles of animation, storytelling, and short film development.
- This goal is to become a national model for programs in the animation and film industries, utilizing the power of the arts to transform and enrich the lives of students.

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