

INSCAPE OPEN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - January/2006

1. HELLO INSCAPERS – PROGRESS of Developing an interactive storytelling suite

Interactive Storytelling for Creative People (INSCAPE) is an EU supported research project to develop a software toolbox to easily create interactive stories. This might be interesting for museum and cinema directors, TV journalists, teachers, film makers and all people who are managing to produce installations, stories and games and not necessarily have heavy computer skills in animating, rendering and programming. INSCAPE is meant to make work easier.

During the projects lifecycle so far you have joined the INSCAPE Open Community stating interest in Interactive stories as such. We like to thank you for this interest and are happy to tell you that we are shortly before releasing the first prototype version of the INSCAPE suite coming in April 2006.

From now on we inform you with a regular newsletter on progress of our developing and research work. As a member of the Open Community you will have access to the forum on www.inscapers.com, Furthermore we invite you to take advantage of special cheap Open Community Workshops where we cover storytelling related topics and give you the possibility to test INSCAPE features as one of the first ever.

Thank you for helping the community live! - www.inscapers.com

2. INSCAPE Open Community Animation Workshop in Vienna , March 3-5, 2006

Workshop at “Die Graphische”: March 3-4
Presentation at “Museumsquartier”: March 5

Create 2D animation for TV, web, mobile

Goal of the workshop: Develop a 30 seconds animation using The Tab software

Workshop Leaders:

Valentina Amico and Paola Patrizi – Italy, Digital Video, Animators

Claudio Mattei, Italy, Digital Video, Developer of The Tab and TOONZ

Stanislav Miler – Czech Republic, ICNM, teacher of Interactive storytelling

Digital Video has made the development of its TOONZ software package its mission and Toonz has become the world leader in cartoon animation applications.

With the TAB, its new product for web animation, the skills of professional animation now have been made available into an intuitive and easy-to-use environment that allows to draw directly into the computer and create animation contents. The revolutionary approach in handling vector strokes make of it a perfect fit for web animators and for Flash users willing to enrich the animation contents of their work

The TAB is a very easy to use software for creating 2D animation that can be exported as a Flash movie or video. The different features of The TAB make it possible to create high quality drawings, apply textures and colours, animate your characters and objects using advanced frame by frame animation, automatic inbetweening or rotoscoping.

As a part of the 2 days Animation Workshop participants will learn how to use the latest version of **The Tab 2D animation software** tool and create short **animated movies**. In doing so participants will also have the possibility to see how the animating feature of INSCAPE tool will function.

Participants of the workshop will have the possibility to attend the **EUROPRIX Top Talent Gala and the festival** where the best European multimedia projects of the last year will be presented and awarded.

The best animations created during the workshop will be presented during the TTA Festival in front of the nominees and winners, sponsors and keynote speakers.

Who can participate:

Participants of the animation workshop should have basic knowledge working with computers. No special animation skills are required. The workshop is addressing the INSCAPE Open Community, people interested in animation and interactive storytelling.

Participation fee: € 99 excl. 10% VAT

Including The TAB light software, free entrance to all EUROPRIX Talent Festival and the TTA Gala, coffee breaks, 2 lunches and dinners.

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The animation workshop is organised by ICNM and EUROPRIX Top Talent office in cooperation with Höhere Grafische Bundeslehranstalt, INSCAPE project and Digital video.

For more information about The Tab visit: www.the-tab.com
EUROPRIX TTA Award and Festival - <http://www.toptalent.europrix.org/tta05/>
INSCAPE project – www.inscapers.com
ICNM: www.icnm.net

3. Open Community of INSCAPE friends – Invitation

If you know people interested in stories and concerned about their multiplatform implementation or PC-driven preparation, installation and management of stories planned for DVD, TV, internet or at physical places please do not hesitate to make these people aware of the INSCAPE Open Community at www.inscapers.com

If you do not wish to receive this newsletter regularly please send email in reply.

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