

Dear [...]

I don't know how much information you want about the work I do. I organize public history/arts education events which educate audiences about Oregon's rich film, animation and cartooning history. Sometimes the events are for the public, sometimes they are for professionals. The idea is that access to this information will enrich everyone. I chose this goal as a match between what I was educated to do and what the State of Oregon currently lacks.

The most recent conference I organized was attended by teachers, librarians, archivists, art historians, historians, museum professionals, urban planners, and people involved in cultural tourism.

Oregon film history contains figures of the hugest possible magnitude. Matt Groening, the creator of *The Simpsons*, and king of a jaw droppingly huge merchandising empire, came in January to give a talk about his father, who was a filmmaker in Portland. Matt has never done this before. No one had ever asked him.

I bring in Oregon's most successful artists, our distinguished filmmakers and animators, to educate audiences about this strand of Oregon history. I don't have a penny, but I do have that understanding. To me it is an economic development issue. I am connecting Oregon with resources it has ignored. Along the way I have come to understand this in a very deep way. I took two papers to national conferences last year. I think I told you that.

If you wanted to support Oregon Cartoon Institute with a tax deductible donation, the check would be made out to Oregon Cultural Heritage Commission, the 501 c3 non profit organization, which is my fiscal sponsor. They will send you back a letter acknowledging your donation for tax history.

As my fiscal sponsor, they take 8%. You would indicate on your check that the contribution is earmarked for Oregon Cartoon Institute purposes.

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Mid Century Oregon Genius: midcenturyoregongenius.wordpress.com
Notes On James Blue: jamesbluetribute.com
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Oregon Movies, A to Z: talltalestruetales.com (a fraction of the site left visible, people were using content w/o attribution so I took most of it down)

Oregon Cartoon Institute: oregoncartooninstitute.com (not kept up to date)