

## DUSTY HORNER

*Artist & Sculptor*

*Walt Disney Classics Collection*

Horner, a sculptor with a passion for subjects with 'character', was born in Rochelle, Illinois.

A childhood passion for art and animation led Horner to the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design in Wisconsin, where he graduated in 1996 with a major in figure sculpture and a minor emphasis in illustration. In 1997, the lure of the movies and Hollywood beckoned and he headed west with the hope of using his skills in special effects for live-action films.



Arriving in California, his fortunes guided him towards a position with DreamWorks SKG Animation Studios in the Los Angeles suburb of Glendale. Beginning as a Production Assistant, Horner found himself '*at the right place, at the right time*' and was introduced to the medium of animation 'maquettes' (three-dimensional models of a character used as a guide for lead animators) eventually becoming a full time sculptor.

In 1999, wanting to expand his creative horizons, Horner became a freelance sculptor and soon caught the attention of an Art Director from Walt Disney Art Classics. Later that year he became a sculptor for the Walt Disney Classics Collection.

Horner is married with three children and currently resides in Illinois.



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