



Local Animator Celebrates “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles” 25th Anniversary

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Somewhere in Butler County lurks a powerful ally to the “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.” No, not Master Splinter... but Darcy Vorhees. The West Chester Township animator did storyboards for “Turtles Forever,” the 25th anniversary Turtles movie on the CW Saturday (10 a.m., Cincinnati CW, Channel 12. 2; it repeats 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 28). The 1997 Kings High School graduate has worked on more than 100 “Turtles” episodes.



After 10 years in New York, Vorhees moved back here in 2007 to open an animation and illustration studio, [DarcyVDesign](#). She's developing several animated concepts with some producers, and some for herself. "I'm expanding, and doing some of my own productions instead of (only) working on others' shows," she says.

One of the possible shows is with Roy Burdine of Los Angeles, director of the “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles” series and the 25th anniversary movie. It's a kids property called “Space Chasers.”

“The storyboarding work my company did on ‘TMNT’ is just one example of the great creative products that can be delivered from some place other than the coasts,” says Vorhees. “With technological advances in communication, we are just an email, text message, video phone call, or instant message away from our clients. We can do everything the folks on the coasts can do, and more.”

Darcy, who calls herself the “founder and chief visionary officer,” says her company is for illustration and animation buyers who want imagery with impact and experienced animation productions to develop and enhance their company's distinct personality. Unlike other studios, DarcyVDesign welcomes the balance between the pull of big ideas and the push of available resources, she says.

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