

1: The Stop-Motion Filmography – McFarland

Ray Harryhausen's Fantasy Scrapbook, by Ray Harryhausen and Tony Dalton, foreword by John Landis, Ray Harryhausen - Master of the Majicks, an exhaustive limited-edition three-volume set of books by Mike Hankin showcasing Harryhausen and his films (release of Volume 3 is currently pending).

Aurum Press, Pioneer of stop-motion animation, inspiration to filmmakers such as John Landis, Peter Jackson and George Lucas, and a sprightly 91 year old adopted Londoner with a more impressive back catalogue than any living animator on the planet – but do we really need another Ray Harryhausen book? It turns out there is. And the quality of the art reproduced here is admirable. Material includes early concept drawing and storyboards, colour transparencies of Ray at work, letters and diary extracts, models from unrealised and well-known projects, publicity posters and even watercolours painted by the young blossoming animator. Most eye opening for me were the photos and treatments from his early animation work, including Fairy Tales and his prehistoric era work such as Cave Bear, Evolution of the World and of course, One Million Years BC. The book itself is put together beautifully. A major work during this period of the 30s and 40s was his attempt to reproduce King Kong, a huge inspiration for the young Ray, and later of course his Fairy Tales which was finally completed in The original drawings and storyboards for the infamous roping sequence in The Valley of Gwangi where cowboys lasso a dinosaur! Growing up a dinosaur mad kid in the 80s, this section was a real delight for me and worth the cover price alone. Moving on to his perhaps less well-known sci-fi work, we get to see a huge amount of previously unpublished material and detail from some of his unfilmed projects such as War of the Worlds and The Elementals. The artwork Harryhausen produced for War of the Worlds in particular is stunning and the descriptions of realised and unrealised scenes and the tale of how the octopus had to have only six legs to save costs from It Came From Beneath the Sea are all good fun. The treatment of 20 Million Miles to Earth is impressive with details such as the plaster busts initially made for the cyclops and miniature sets sitting well alongside test footage and plot outlines. It made me really want to revisit the film again. Finally the volume deals with his work in the myths and legends genre. Beginning with the Sinbad movies, this is perhaps the section readers who are only familiar with Harryhausen through his work on Clash of the Titans and Jason and the Argonauts will turn to first. Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger has some brilliant shots of Ray at work alongside a good collection of production and behind the scenes shots. The section on Jason and the Argonauts is really something special. High quality photos of mechanical design drawing and the models themselves really add something to the treatment. My particular favourites are the photographs of the original design and model of the armature for the foot and heel of Talos and of his hand, which give a real insight into the high level of skill and craftsmanship that was put into each and every one of his pieces. I have to say that this book is a total delight.

2: - Ray Harryhausen: An Animated Life by Ray Harryhausen

Filled with drawings and storyboards as well as the corresponding scenes from three Harryhausen classics: It Came From Beneath the Sea, Earth vs. the Flying Saucers and 20 Million Miles to Earth. A foreword by Ray Bradbury and filmography are also included.

Due, in part, to his association with such iconic, but necessarily two-dimensional, characters as Diabolik and Sinbad, Law himself remained something of a screen enigma, a somewhat remote, otherworldly presence whose own personality was seldom discernable in the roles he played. The Russians Are Coming! The Red Baron " were sufficiently compelling and varied though united by a certain innocence to suggest that Law would become a leading character star of the s. And yet somehow such status eluded him. Like Robert Redford and Warren Beatty, who are both the same age as me, and both started at the same time. In , the year he missed out on both Midnight Cowboy and Easy Rider, Law also suffered the indignity of being replaced in the cast of The Gypsy Moths, following a parachute accident in which he was injured, and a poor relationship with his co-stars: Burt Lancaster was the star Then there was Gene Hackman, another difficult person who is always trying to steal the show. Good actor, but not a good person. And the director, John Frankenheimer was always drunk before noon. Original poster for Death Rides a Horse Fortunately, throughout the s and beyond, Law continued to work in Europe, where his film career a few appearances as a child actor in Hollywood apart had begun. Signed to appear in Barbarella on the recommendation of Hurry Sundown co-star and friend, Jane Fonda, Law found himself sharing the Roman villa and swinging orgies of Fonda and her husband, director Roger Vadim. They made it bigger than life. They made some good ones, which are more appreciated today than at the time. What Bava did [with limited resources and great imagination] is a lost art. Today they do everything with computers. Cut here, add there. And he was extremely modest. But he was very talented and in the end he knew what he wanted. Vadim, on the other hand, considered himself a conceptual artist, refined, special, he thought he was very vanguard, an auteur. But he was obsessed with eroticism. Diabolik and Barbarella, the two films earned Law an enduring cult reputation among devotees of fantasy cinema worldwide. Not that everything in Europe proved plain sailing for Law: That disappointment aside, however, Law found working abroad a satisfying experience: I loved it, rather than staying in the same city where I had lived all my life. In Hollywood, the actor is only one little piece of a big machine. Outside Hollywood, on the other hand, the actor can feel like he is part of the creative process in film making. His wanderlust was inspired, not by restlessness, or even curiosity, but by his rejection of his strict and conventional upbringing and subsequent embrace of the hippy ethic of the s. Indeed, his life often reads like a rarified time-capsule account of the post-war American counterculture: He experimented with drugs, and enjoyed a fling with Faye Dunaway, an affair with Barbara Parkins, and a one-night stand with Joan Baez. Diabolik Angel is copiously illustrated with many rare photographs, including stills from the abandoned footage of both Danger: Enquiries regarding international orders can be sent to diabolikangel@scifiworld.com.

3: The Blog That Time Forgot: Ray Harryhausen - Requiescat in Pace

Ray Harryhausen. by Ray Harryhausen (signed). Foreword by Ray Bradbury (signed). An Animated Life. If this book is listed as a first edition, it will also be a first printing.

Despite this increased technical sophistication, this film, like *Kong*, features some scale issues, with Joe noticeably changing size between many shots. During this sequence Joe battles with a caged lion. When the cage is broken, the lion makes his escape, switching almost seamlessly from live-action to stop motion and then back to live-action again. *Mighty Joe Young* was an extremely important film for Harryhausen and the realm of special effects in general, as it showed that an incredible level of interaction and character development was possible for stop-motion characters. Whilst *King Kong* had a grand scale, it used a large puppet for facial expression, and generally paled in comparison to the stop-motion model. *Mighty Joe Young* used stop-motion exclusively, and the suspension of disbelief combined with the light whimsy of the story made it a memorable first feature at the beginning of what would be the Golden Age of Science Fiction. It was on this film that Harryhausen used his famous DynaMation process, which was revolutionary in the field of special effects. The process was composed of two parts: Then, the film was rewound, and everything except the foreground element matted out so that the foreground element would now photograph in the previously blacked out area. This created the effect that the animated model was in the middle ground in between the two live action elements, right into the final scene. This technique is also used in subsequent film making. The film would even be visually referenced in the much maligned *Tristar Godzilla*. Since the world bore witness to the atomic bomb, speculation about the effects of radiation were rife, none more so than in the field of science fiction. The fact that the film was produced on such a small budget reveals the quality Harryhausen could achieve with the minimum of essentials for dramatic effect. The monster is rarely seen until the end of the film, but its first appearance is shocking and beautifully shot. Even though it was only a tentacle rising above the ocean to destroy an unlucky ship, the quality was stunning, and as more of the creature is seen the size and power of the beast becomes terrifying to behold. *It Came from Beneath the Sea* spawned its own b-movie genre, that of real creatures being transformed into antagonists by virtue of being mutated to gargantuan proportions. Films such as *Tarantula*, *Attack of the Crab Monsters*, *The Giant Gila Monster* and others would follow its lead, but few would match the breathtaking spectacle and overwhelming might of the six-tentacled octopus. Believable worldly creatures were now brought to life on screen, but the greatest challenge was to bring about the tangible existence of life from other worlds, which Harryhausen would tackle next. *Earth vs the Flying Saucers* *Earth vs the Flying Saucers* was one of the most successful of the many films based on alien invasions filmed in the s. Ray Harryhausen animated the eponymous saucers, as well as the animation of the buildings the saucers crashed into, and some figure animation for the aliens. The scenes of destruction were later used in *The Giant Claw*. The flood of UFO sightings in the s lent itself well to the budding science fiction renaissance, and once again was at the forefront of the genre revolution. The film was incredibly influential on the science-fiction B-movie genre, doing for alien invasions what *The Beast from 20, Fathoms* did for giant monsters. Virtually all the staples of the genre – flying saucers, death rays, destruction of iconic landmarks – make an appearance. The flying saucer archetype would be echoed in many alien invasion films, including the notorious *Plan 9 from Outer Space*, the television miniseries *V*, and the Hollywood blockbuster *Independence Day*. Although the documentary was an overview of animal life on earth before the appearance of human civilization, the opening dinosaur sequence was considered the best part of the film. While previous films featured dinosaurs as monstrous antagonists, *The Animal World* showed them in a more natural light, featuring peaceful sauropods grazing and a dinosaur hatchling. This is the first time in a cinematic release that live-action dinosaurs were portrayed in their own environment, free from the guns and spears of anachronistic humans or cavemen. That 8-minute opening of *The Animal World* opened the way for a new kind of dinosaur documentary that utilized stop-motion animation to bring the dinosaurs to life. This would evolve into the computer animation seen in *Walking with Dinosaurs*. *The Seventh Voyage of Sinbad* Harryhausen was at first reluctant to advance to colour filming, due to the necessity to develop new systems to

maintain colour balance for his techniques. Visual effects artist Phil Tippett saw this film at the age of seven, and would go on to produce stop-motion sequences for *The Empire Strikes Back*, *Dragonslayer* and *Robocop*. This proves that techniques used in stop-motion could be adapted for use in modern technology. Inexplicably, the film was a disappointment at the box office, and combined with managerial changes no further Harryhausen films were commissioned at Columbia Pictures. The famous skeleton fight sequence took four months to produce, roughly a month for each minute. Any scene with the Hydra would take Harryhausen a day to produce. The skeleton fight had a lasting effect on many of the most successful filmmakers of recent times: James Cameron acknowledged it as an inspiration for *The Terminator*, a character which would itself become a cinematic icon. *One Million Years B.C.* The film was a success, and put Harryhausen back in his stride. The cast were also highly dedicated; acting as convincingly against nothing as is humanely possible, especially when menaced by the young *Allosaurus*. There was also the outstanding cinematography of Wilkie Cooper, who displayed a magnificent amount of skill in pans which are normally left to computer control in recent times. In particular, the pterodactyl attack was an extremely skilful display of technical finesse, where the same pans would have to be repeated as closely as possible for the effect to work. The sequence where the cowboy lasso Gwangi was a complicated piece of *DynaMation*. In the live-action portion, the actors held on to ropes tied to a pole fixed to the back of a jeep. The jeep was obscured by the model when filmed with the back rear projection plate. The elements of the rope directly attached to Gwangi were wires painted and positioned to the live-action ropes. To help the actors, a cardboard cut-out of the *Eohippus* would be positioned to various points in the scene in rehearsal, after which Harryhausen would shoot the sequence. *The Valley of Gwangi* features the motion picture debut of the *Ornithomimus*. The influence of *The Valley of Gwangi* can be seen in many contemporary films, not least in the blockbuster *Jurassic Park*: Eventually he teamed up with Charles H. Schneer. While not as universally loved as *The Seventh Voyage of Sinbad*, *Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger* is still a solid adventure, with some interesting variations on middle-eastern mythology. He interacts with the cast, and a great deal of precision was involved in integrating the shots accurately. The result was so convincing that many filmgoers mistook the model for an actor in a suit! Animating an animal realistically is problematic at the best of times for stop-motion animators, but animating an animal with fur requires even greater skill and detail. Harryhausen accomplishes the sabre-tooth tiger magnificently, with almost no indications of thumb indentations or ruffled fur to betray the hand of the animator. Initially one would wonder the sense in making a stop-motion animation baboon, when surely an actual baboon would have been more economical and time-efficient. However, Harryhausen imbues the animal with a sense of personality and intelligence that could not be emulated by a real baboon, and features some of the most startlingly realistic animation he has ever achieved. This is a fine example of the fact that he could animate convincing mundane animals as well as giant or fantastical beasts. *Clash of the Titans* After the success of the two *Sinbad* films, MGM saw fit to allow Schneer and Harryhausen to produce one of his most expensive and ambitious films, *Clash of the Titans*. With a much larger budget than previous films and the likes of Laurence Olivier in starring roles, the film was a success, but due to the advances by Industrial Light and Magic and other effects companies, this would be his last big film. The original myth of Perseus did not feature the Scandinavian Kraken, rather the leviathan-like Ceto origin of Cetacean, the taxonomical name for the whale family. Pegasus too was lifted from another Greek myth, that of Bellerophon. The Kraken was brought to life using three armatures: A foot sponge rubber model was also created for underwater shots. The Kraken has become somewhat of a celebrity itself, with myriad references to it in popular culture. The scene in which the Kraken rises from the sea to devour Andromeda can be seen in the introduction of the sitcom *Malcolm in the Middle*, as well as its fellow Harryhausen creation the Archelon from *One Million Years B.C.* Harryhausen had to use a small flame when filming the Medusa model to improve the integration of the model with the rest of the scene. Like his Cyclops from *The Seventh Voyage of Sinbad*, his depiction of Medusa has overwhelmed the mythological depiction of the gorgon in popular culture. *Clash of the Titans* would be the last film Harryhausen would direct and produce, but his influence on later films and directors did not retire with him. The art of his earlier films, which most of us grew up on, inspired us so much. Without that life-long love of his wondrous images and storytelling it would never have been made – not by me at least. Everybody in the

room, including myself, had always been inspired by his creativity, scientific and artistic breakthroughs. Everything he did influenced me. The first time I dabbled in clay as a kid was to try and recreate some of the amazing characters that Ray created for those amazing breakthrough pictures. I salute him every day. The Terminator owes its roots to the skeleton fight in Jason and the Argonauts, which I saw when I was seven years old. I wanted to know how it was done. It sent me down the path of creating my own stories, my own characters and wanting to be a film-maker. We all owe Ray a great debt. The new ones are all very technically smooth but they seem to lack the heart that Ray put into his stuff. Comics and Graphic Novels Harryhausen himself appears in the Italian comic Rat Man, where the hero is attacked by an army of skeletons. The only way he could prevail was to kill their creator: Rat Man loses an arrow, and in the next panel Harryhausen is shown slumped over his desk. Now you see eighty people listed doing the same things I was doing myself. Thanks to his innovations and imagination, an entire generation of viewers could see any creature or wonder of their imagination realised on the cinema screen. He introduced new ways of making believable characters, and while stop-motion itself may have been superseded by computer-generated imagery, the form continues to thrive through the work of Tim Burton, Nick Park, Phil Tippett and many others. Of that generation, many grew up to be filmmakers themselves, and inspired a new generation in the same way they were once inspired:

4: Kong Unbound (November 15, edition) | Open Library

Two years ago, Archive Editions published the definitive reference book on Ray Harryhausen, MASTER OF THE MAJICKS Volume 2, a glorious tribute to Ray's American films, from MIGHTY JOE YOUNG to 7TH VOYAGE OF SINBAD.

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which disappointed some fans because of its tongue-in-cheek approach. Both films were, however, box office successes. The film started out smaller but then MGM increased the budget to hire stars such as Laurence Olivier. It became the last feature film to showcase his effects work, *Clash of the Titans*, for which he was nominated for a Saturn Award for Best Special Effects. Harryhausen fans will readily discern that the armed-and-finned kraken a name borrowed from medieval Scandinavian folklore he invented for *Clash of the Titans* has similar facial qualities to the Venusian Ymir he created twenty-five years earlier for *20 Million Miles to Earth*. Harryhausen himself says the reason was that he worked in Europe, but this oversight by the AMPAS visual-effects committee also occurred throughout the s when Harryhausen lived in Los Angeles. A second book followed, *Ray Harryhausen: An Animated Life*, written with author and friend Tony Dalton, which details his techniques and history. The film went on to win the Annie award for best short film and gained worldwide attention. Walsh and Caballero have since moved on to form their own stop motion company, Screen Novelties, which is based in Los Angeles, California. In , he released colorized DVD versions of three of his classic black and white Columbia films: *Cooper who had supervised King Kong*. Ray Harryhausen was given a special tribute, for his ninetieth birthday, at the BFI Southbank theater in London, where he had lived since the s, which was attended by all the top visual effects directors and technicians and was hosted by director John Landis. The couple had a daughter, Vanessa. He was the man who made me believe in monsters. Only with his digits. John was quoted as saying "The collection held at The Ray and Diana Harryhausen Foundation is not just artefacts of historical and cinematic importance, but is also a window into the science of photo chemical film making". USA Today named it as "one of best museum exhibits in the U. In an interview Foundation Trustee John Walsh said: Alan Friswell went to see films of Harryhausen and now he is bringing his skillsets to the borough. We have over 50, individual items which is the largest outside of Walt Disney and this is just the tip of the iceberg. We are ready to come back with more models in the future. This is a great opportunity for people to see them. Sawyer Award effectively a lifetime achievement Oscar for "technological contributions [which] have brought credit to the industry" in , with actor Tom Hanks as the Master of Ceremonies and Ray Bradbury, a friend from when they were both just out of high school, presenting the award. I say *Jason and the Argonauts* is the greatest film ever made! In the main screening theater at Sony Pictures Digital Productions was named in honor of Harryhausen. His mask award was presented to him by filmmaker Peter Jackson. The *New Adventures* series, the heroine must battle a rampaging clockwork giant. Another minute short film made in , "*Southwestern Orange County Vs. The* The August issue of *American Cinematographer* features three articles about the event.

5: Ray Harryhausen

Ray Harryhausen has 40 books on Goodreads with ratings. Ray Harryhausen's most popular book is Dinosaur Tales. Ray Bradbury (Foreword).

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6: JOHN EXSHAW REVIEWS A NEW BOOK ABOUT JOHN PHILLIP LAW - Cinema Retro

Foreword by John Landis. ALL the posters from all of Ray's movies, from 's Mighty Joe Young to Clash of the Titans in There has never been a book published devoted solely to the promotional art associated with the films themselves.

His last film was Clash of the Titans , after which he retired. Of German descent, the family surname was originally spelled "Herrenhausen". Meanwhile, Harryhausen became friends with an aspiring writer, Ray Bradbury , with similar enthusiasms. Ackerman in , and the three became lifelong friends. During World War II, Harryhausen served in the United States Army Special Services Division under Colonel Frank Capra , as a loader, clapper boy, gofer and later camera assistant, whilst working at home animating short films about the use and development of military equipment. After World War II, he shot a scene of an alien emerging from a Martian cylinder showing the fearsome being from Mars fatally succumbing to an earthly illness, contracted from the air the natives breathe harmlessly. In Harryhausen was hired as an assistant animator on what turned out to be his first major film, Mighty Joe Young The first film with Ray Harryhausen in full charge of technical effects was The Beast from 20, Fathoms which began development under the working title Monster From the Sea. The filmmakers learned that a long-time friend of Harryhausen, writer Ray Bradbury , had sold a short story called "The Beast from 20, Fathoms" later retitled " The Fog Horn " to The Saturday Evening Post , about a dinosaur drawn to a lone lighthouse by its foghorn. Also, the title was changed to The Beast from 20, Fathoms It was on The Beast From 20, Fathoms that Harryhausen first used a technique he created called "Dynamation" that split the background and foreground of pre-shot live action footage into two separate images into which he would animate a model or models so seemingly integrating the live-action with the models. The background would be used as a miniature rear-screen with his models animated in front of it, re-photographed with an animation-capable camera to combine those two elements together, the foreground element matted out to leave a black space. Then the film was rewound, and everything except the foreground element matted out so that the foreground element would now photograph in the previously blacked out area. This created the effect that the animated model was "sandwiched" in between the two live action elements, right into the final live action scene. This dramatically reduced much of degradation common in the use of back-projection or the creation of dupe negatives via the use of an optical printer. By developing and executing most of this miniature work himself, Harryhausen saved money, while maintaining full technical control. The cyclops and dragon battle sequence from The 7th Voyage of Sinbad A few years later, when Harryhausen began working with color film to make The 7th Voyage of Sinbad , he experimented extensively with color stock to overcome the color-balance-shift problems. Schneer coined the word Dynamation as a "merchandising term" modifying it to "SuperDynaMation" and then "Dynarama" for some subsequent films. An occasional assistant, George Lofgren, a taxidermist, assisted Harryhausen with the creation of furred creatures. Other than that, Harryhausen worked generally alone to produce almost all of the animation for his films. The same year that Beast was released, , fledgling film producer Irwin Allen released a live action documentary about life in the oceans titled The Sea Around Us , which won an Oscar for best documentary feature film of that year. Harryhausen soon met and began a fruitful partnership with producer Charles H. It was a box-office success, quickly followed by Earth vs. In , Irwin Allen had started work on a second feature-length documentary film, this one about animal life on land called The Animal World completed in Most viewers agree that the dinosaur sequence of Animal World was the best part of the entire movie. The spaceship crashes into the ocean near Italy, releasing an on-board alien egg specimen which washes up on shore. Harryhausen refined and improved his already-considerable ability at establishing emotional characterizations in the face of his Venusian Ymir model, creating yet another international box-office hit film. Schneer was eager to graduate to color films. Reluctant at first, Harryhausen managed to develop the systems necessary to maintain proper color balances for his DynaMation process, resulting in his biggest hit of the s, The 7th Voyage of Sinbad The top-grossing film of that summer, and one of the top-grossing films of that year, Schneer and Harryhausen signed another deal with Columbia for four more color films. This stop-motion sequence took over four months to complete. Harryhausen models for allosaurus in One Million

Years B. Gulliver, Mysterious Island, Jason, and First Men in the Moon were all box office disappointments at the time of their original theatrical release. That, plus changes of management at Columbia Pictures, resulted in his contract with Columbia Picture not being renewed. As this revolution in the traditional Hollywood movie studio system, and the influx of a new generation of film makers sorted itself out, Harryhausen became a free agent. It was a success at the box office, helped in part by the presence of Raquel Welch in her second film. Harryhausen next went on to make another dinosaur film, The Valley of Gwangi with Schneer. The project had been developed for Columbia, who declined. Schneer then made a deal with Warner Brothers instead. The Valley of Gwangi is a parallel Kong story—cowboys capture a living Allosaurus and bring him to the nearest city for exhibition. Sabotage releases the creature, and it wreaks havoc on the town. It was first released in Los Angeles in the Christmas season of , but garnered its main audience in the spring and summer of . It was followed by Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger , which disappointed some fans because of its tongue-in-cheek approach. Both films were, however, box office successes. Schneer and Harryhausen finally were allowed by MGM to produce a big budget film with name actors and an expanded effects budget. The film started out smaller but then MGM increased the budget to hire stars such as Laurence Olivier. It became the last feature film to showcase his effects work, Clash of the Titans , for which he was nominated for a Saturn Award for Best Special Effects. Harryhausen fans will readily discern that the armed-and-finned kraken a name borrowed from medieval Scandinavian folklore he invented for Clash of the Titans has similar facial qualities to the Venusian Ymir he created twenty-five years earlier for 20 Million Miles to Earth. Harryhausen himself says the reason was that he worked in Europe. In the early s, Harryhausen had also concentrated his efforts on authoring a book, Film Fantasy Scrapbook produced in three editions as his last three films were released and supervising the restoration and release of eventually all his films to video, laserdisc, DVD, and currently Blu-ray disc. A second book followed, An Animated Life, written with author and friend Tony Dalton which details his techniques and history. Another long-time close friend was "Famous Monsters of Filmland" magazine editor, book writer, and sci-fi collector Forrest J Ackerman , who loaned Harryhausen his photos of King Kong in , right after Harryhausen had seen the film for the first time. Harryhausen also maintained his friendships with his long-time producer, Charles H. Harryhausen and Terry Moore appeared in small comedic cameo roles in the remake of Mighty Joe Young , and he has also provided the voice of a polar bear cub in the Will Ferrell film Elf. This was the sixth and final installment of the Harryhausen fairy tales. The film was started in and completed in , 50 years later. The film went on to win the Annie award for best short film and gained worldwide attention. Walsh and Caballero have since moved on to form their own stop motion company, Screen Novelties which is based in Los Angeles, California. Ray Harryhausen lived in London, England. For his ninetieth birthday, he was given a special tribute at The BFI Southbank theater which was attended by all the top visual effects directors and technicians and was hosted by director John Landis. In , he released colorized DVD versions of three of his classic black and white Columbia films: Cooper who had supervised King Kong. Death and legacy Harryhausen had married Diana Livingstone Bruce in , and they remained together until he died; the couple had a daughter, Vanessa. The family announced his death via Twitter and Facebook on May 7, . He was the man who made me believe in monsters. Only with his digits. This included never before heard audio from Ray Harryhausen. Sawyer Award for "technological contributions [which] have brought credit to the industry" in , with actor Tom Hanks as the Master of Ceremonies and Bradbury, a friend from when they were both just out of high school, presenting the award. I say Jason and the Argonauts is the greatest film ever made! In the main screening theater at Sony Pictures Digital Productions was named in honor of Harryhausen. Constructed by special effects expert and stop-motion animator Alan Friswell, the various characters include a dragon, a centaur, a griffin and a fighting skeleton. Friswell still holds the position of official restorer for the Foundation. The comedy-horror film Army of Darkness features the titular army resembling the army of skeletons from Jason and the Argonauts. The Pixar film, Monsters, Inc. The New Adventures series, the heroine must battle a rampaging clockwork giant.

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Not to mention the special effect he had on the rest of us, the movie-goers. I can remember the first time I saw Jason and the Argonauts -- when a giant statue came to life and merely turned its head, I nearly jumped out of my seat. Even more amazing, it scared me more the second time I saw it. In 7th Voyage, a woman was put into a giant vase with a serpent. She was transformed into a half-woman, half-snake; her upper body was still female, but she had an extra pair of arms, and the rest of her body was that of a snake. She started to dance; I got completely freaked out. She seemed to be enjoying it! Harryhausen was the author of several books, which he co-authored with Tony Dalton: Basically, stop-motion animation is the art of creating the illusion of movement in an inanimate object. You take a model of a creature -- say, a dinosaur. You film a frame of the dinosaur, then walk to the dinosaur, move the dinosaur a fraction of an inch a change too small to see with the naked eye, walk back to the camera and film another frame, then walk back to the dinosaur, move it again and repeat, repeat, repeat. Because there are 24 frames for one second of film, you move the dinosaur 24 times for only a single second of animation. This means 1, movements for every minute of film, and 86, for a full hour. As Harryhausen said, "The animator walks miles in a day, back and forth He put himself into his creations, making sure each had "a mind and a soul. I can remember getting upset when the dragon died at the end of 7th Voyage. Harryhausen brought to life creatures that are familiar to us, such as baboons, bees, crabs, lions and chickens though sometimes they were gigantic or two-headed or both, and magical beings from mythology dragons, harpies, Cyclops and animals from the past dinosaurs, saber-toothed tigers. Sometimes he invented something completely original, such as the half-woman, half-snake with four arms. He referred to these as "creatures from the mind. Which is even better.

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