



In Celebration of Disneyland's
Original Date Nite
Be Our Guest is Proud to announce
Guest of Honor
Mike Peraza



Mike Peraza is an award-winning designer with 40 years of experience creating magic for Walt Disney Studios, Walt Disney Imagineering, Lucas Films, Hanna-Barbera, Bluth Studios, MGM, Sony and Universal Studios. He has also worked with legendary filmmakers such as Tim Burton classmates, Steven Spielberg and George Lucas and eight of the nine old men. From working as art director for Disney's *The Little Mermaid* on the big screen or designing *DuckTales* for the small screen Mike's talents have helped shape the animation world and ushers in the fabled Disney Renaissance. Born and raised in New Orleans, Mike knew he wanted to be an artist from an early age. His animation work for a local TV station solidified this dream and he set out west to attend the prestigious California Institute for the Arts, a university that Walt Disney himself established. When tuition fees proved costly and he plan to leave, Disney Legend Jack Hanna, Dean of the Disney program intervened. He offered through the Disney family's generosity a full scholarship enabling him to stay and study the craft he loved. He also grew to know each Disney instructor on a close one to one relationship as the new teacher's aide



At the end of the year, students showed their films to an amazing audience including Ron Miller, Lillian Disney, Diane Disney, Frank Thomas, Ollie Johnson, Ward Kimball, Woolie Reitherman and other animation notables. Afterwards Mike found a note on his locker inviting him to come and work for the Walt Disney Studios, his dream job.

Mike went on to have a hand in the concepts of animated features for film, TV and games including projects such as *Fox and the Hound*, *Mickey's Christmas Carol*, *The Black Cauldron*, *The Great Mouse Detective*, *Tron*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Return to Oz*, *Gummy Bears*, *DuckTales*, *Chip and Dale*, *Rescue Rangers*, *Talespin*, *Goof Troop*, *Darkwing Duck*, *Who Framed Rodger Rabbit*, *Aladdin*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Return to Oz*, *Return to Neverland*, *Jungle Book 2*, *Alice in Wonderland* and others. Mr. Peraza's recent assignments for Walt Disney Imagineering include *Cars Land*, *New Fantasyland* and the *Shanghai Disney Resort*.



Mike Peraza donates much of his time raising awareness for epilepsy, and hopes that one day his contributions will help facilitate a cure for this debilitating illness so those children as well as adults can enjoy a better life.



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