

#### **PRESS RELEASE**

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# Digital Artist Rand Whipple to Conduct Residency at CSIU Five Star Program

SUNBURY – Box of Light Digital Arts Studio in collaboration with Perry County Council of the Arts, is pleased to announce that digital artist Rand Whipple will be conducting an exciting residency at CSIU's Five Star program from January 10 to February 14. The residency program, spanning five weeks, will bring the magic of stop-motion animation to students.

Rand Whipple, the visionary behind Box of Light Digital Arts Studio, is widely recognized for his innovative approach to digital arts education. His residency at the Five Star program is set to inspire and engage students as they delve into the world of stop-motion animation.

During the residency, Mr. Whipple will meet with students once a week on Wednesdays, guiding them through the creative process of stop-motion animation. This hands-on experience will provide an immersive learning opportunity for students to explore their artistic potential, enhance their technological skills, and express themselves through the captivating medium of animation.

The Five Star program is thrilled to host Rand Whipple and his Box of Light Digital Arts Studio, recognizing the invaluable impact this residency will have on the students' artistic development and overall educational experience.

Rand Whipple's residency promises to be a highlight of the academic calendar, bringing together education, technology, and creativity in a dynamic and engaging manner. The students are eagerly anticipating the chance to explore the fascinating world of stop-motion animation under the guidance of such an esteemed artist.

## **About Perry County Council of the Arts:**

Perry County Council of the Arts (PCCA) is one of Pennsylvania Council on the Arts' 14 regional Partners, charged with the responsibility of implementing quality Arts in Education programs in 7 counties – Perry, Juniata, Mifflin, Montour, Snyder, Union and Northumberland. Through this partnership, PCCA places professional artists in classrooms and community sites for residencies of 5 to 30 days.

## **About Box of Light Digital Arts Studio:**

Box Of Light is a company immersed in technology and the digital arts. From our educational performances to our digital arts classes, Box Of Light constantly explores the use of computers and technology in education, in performance and in the arts. We are proud and happy to teach young and old how to use computers, cameras and digital technology as tools of expression and communication.

#### **About CSIU Five Star Program:**

CSIU's Five Star program is a partial hospitalization program (PHP) licensed by the Department of Public Welfare.

The program provides an integrated therapeutic and educational program for children and adolescents in grades 6-12.

Children who attend receive quality individual and group therapy services, as well as individualized education programs. In addition, psychiatric services are provided on-site to prevent placement in more restrictive mental health settings.

The program is committed to providing enriching experiences and educational opportunities for students to thrive academically and personally.

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