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Animated Views

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About the Author

Jed Alger grew up in New England, in a town not unlike the one in ParaNorman, minus the zombies. Now he lives and works in Portland, Oregon.

Travis Knight is LAIKA's President and CEO as well as lead animator on LAIKA's first feature, Coraline, and producer and lead animator on ParaNorman.

Chris Butler was head of story on LAIKA's Coraline and is the writer and director of ParaNorman.

Sam Fell is the director of *ParaNorman*. Before joining LAIKA, he wrote and directed Dreamwork's *Flushed Away* and was the director of Universal's *The Tale of Despereaux*.

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