

Press release

Uniview and Fragile Planet at California Academy of Sciences

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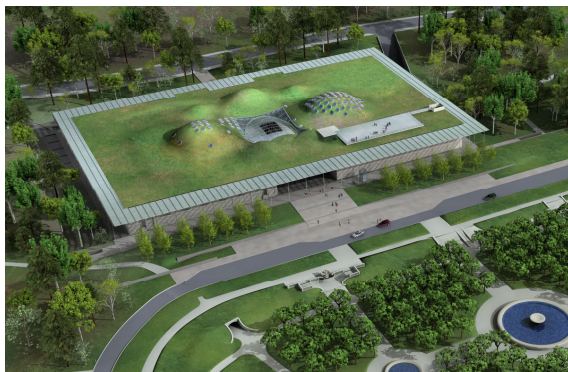
As the new California Academy of Sciences opens, it does so based on technology that combines the worlds of professional movie production, computer gaming and scientific databases using the Uniview platform from Swedish company SCISS AB.

Fragile Planet tells the story about our planet, its amazing diversity and uniqueness to our species and the search for other places like it in the universe. Director Ryan Wyatt and his team, led by visual effects-savvy producer Tom Kennedy, has created the lion's share of the show using the interactive software platform Uniview. Being developed using the same type of real time graphics rendering technology found in modern computer games, Uniview allows for rapid pre-visualization as well as production quality rendering, shortening the turnaround time for creating movie scenes by orders of magnitude.

In using Uniview for Fragile Planet, the Academy has created not only the linear movie experience but also an interactive world in which they can tell variations of that same story using Uniview as a real-time tool, keeping the show up to date with current research as they seamlessly move between pre-rendered film and interactive presentation.

"The remarkable turnaround time of rendering through Uniview helped us finish our production on an extremely tight timeline. Uniview's ability to support both offline and interactive visualization helps us achieve a variety of storytelling goals – bridging both video production and real-time computer graphics", says Director Ryan Wyatt.

"It's the ability to seamlessly visualize virtual worlds spanning billions of light years that make Uniview such a great tool for this production. Together with the team at the Academy, we also got a fantastic opportunity to leverage our new feature set for offline production", says Staffan Klashed, CEO of SCISS from Sweden, creators of the Uniview software.



California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

About the Morrison Planetarium

The new all-digital planetarium is situated in a truly unique building created by the world famous Italian architect Renzo Piano in collaboration with Stantec Architecture.

The building, located in the Golden Gate Park, has a strong environmental focus, with features such as a living roof, solar panels, water reclamation, reduced carbon footprint and a general focus on sustainability. In addition to the planetarium, the Academy also hosts an aquarium and a natural history museum.

About Uniview

Uniview is a visualization and simulation software application aimed at presenting and teaching astronomy, astrophysics and Earth based sciences such as geography, geology, biodiversity and climatology.

Through the unique Uniview ScaleGraph™ technology Uniview provides a seamless visualization of the entire known universe, from human scales all the way to the cosmic horizon. While being completely interactive, Uniview is powered by the Uniview Flight Assist™ algorithms to make sure motion is always smooth and intuitive.

About SCISS AB

SCISS AB is a software development company founded in 2004 with its headquarters in Norrköping, Sweden. SCISS AB's mission is to deliver high quality visualization software designed for flexibility and ease of use to planetariums, science centers and other large-scale visualization facilities globally.

Please visit the official Uniview website at www.scalingtheuniverse.com or contact SCISS AB at info@sciss.se.