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About the Author

Known as the "father of animation" and formerly of Halas and Batchelor Animation unit, John produced over 2000 animations, including the legendary "Animal Farm" and the award winning "Dilemma". He was also the founder and president of the ASIFA and former Chairman of the British Federation of Film Societies.

BAFTA-nominated professional animator and educator for 40 years, many of his students number among today's most outstanding animation artists.

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