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Kansas City artist directs the visuals in new animated series on Hulu

The series, Marvel's Hit Monkey, also features the voice of another Kansas Citian, Jason Sudeikis



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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A Kansas City, Missouri, artist is helping create a new show premiering on Hulu, Wednesday. Marvel's Hit Monkey is set to be a new animated drama, driven by Art Director Kevin Mellon's visuals.

The show also features the voice of Kansas City's Jason Sudeikis.

"It is so difficult that it requires several dozen of people to do it," Mellon said.

Mellon's job is making scenes look as amazing as possible. The artist, who also worked on the FX series Archer, says the show was made during the pandemic. When he found out the main character was a Kansas City native, he was excited.

"Jason took some wonderful scripts and wonderful dialogue and just really elevated it by making that character his own," Mellon said.

Mellon says it's Kansas City that's actually helped him get to this point. He says it's his family and friends that have helped support him in his career. His work is time consuming too. He says it takes over 2,000 story boards for one episode. He also says there's a strong message in the story.

"Identifiable journey of people who have made mistakes and are trying to rectify those mistakes," Mellon said.

Mellon says animated dramas are back in full force.

"People who love cartoons as kids, that didn't go away because they happen to grow older," Mellon said.

He hopes people who watch Marvel's Hit Monkey will take three things away from it.

"That they watched it, they loved it and they want more of it," Mellon said.

All 10 episodes of Marvel's Hit Money debut on Hulu at 2 a.m., Wednesday. There's a watch party Wednesday afternoon at Elite Comics in Overland Park, Kansas, to benefit its annual superhero drive.

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