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Steven Spielberg, George Lucas, and USC Honor DreamWorks' Jeffrey Katzenberg

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A select group of Hollywood royalty congregated last night at the University of Southern California to honor DreamWorks CEO Jeffrey Katzenberg and his wife Marilyn. The couple donated a generous sum in order to create USC's School of Cinematic Arts' new Marilyn and Jeffrey Katzenberg Center for Animation. The facility will be housed in USC's year-old, four-story animation building. The Katzenbergs' gift will go toward outfitting the facility and classrooms with materials and equipment used in the instruction of visual effects, 2D and 3D animation, and stop motion animation formats.

At the event on Wednesday night, Steven Spielberg, George Lucas, Jack Black, and other close friends of the DreamWorks Animation studio praised the Katzenbergs' philanthropic efforts. Mr. Katzenberg expressed his excitement for future generations of USC-educated animators as he told the students in the crowd, "We look forward to you coming through the gates of DreamWorks Animation really soon," reports [The Wrap](#).