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Education:

New York University's Tisch School of the Arts - May 2024

- BFA Undergraduate Film and Television program, concentration in Animation
- Relevant coursework: Introduction to Animation Techniques, Storyboarding, Life Drawing, Action Analysis II, Sight & Sound Film, Writing for Children's TV, Intermediate Animation, Producing for Animation, Animation: From Pitching to Pipeline to Production, Experimental Animation, Advanced Animation Production, Motion Design & Titles

Professional Experience:

Freelance - Illustrator, Animator, Designer

2021 - Present

- Collaborate with clients, directors, writers, and filmmakers to create high-quality storyboards, animations, and designs
- Cultivate and maintain professional relationships with creative minds to deliver results aligned with their vision

NYU Student Animation League - Executive Board Member - Events Leader

2023 - 2024

- Initiated and led free life drawing session events, enhancing creative skills and community engagement at school
- Organized monthly life drawing events, developing and teaching lesson plans and managing logistics of supplies
- Collaborated with club board members to design promotional materials that reflected focus on gesture draftsmanship

Plymptoons Studio - Color Artist

2022 - 2023

- Oscar-nominated animator Bill Plympton's indie animation studio's feature-length film SLIDE
- Made key color-based decisions to design palettes for characters, props, and vehicles in alignment with the production

Film Experience:

"The GOAT" - 2D animated thesis film - Producer, Writer, Director, Story Artist, Animator

2023 - Present

- Finalizing post-production on a 6-minute short film about the unique relationship of two veteran animation directors
- Crafted numerous iterations of full-length storyboards implementing feedback from fellow producer and classmates to ensure proper staging, composition, storytelling, and character acting in this dialogue-free film
- Developed organizational and efficient capabilities to maintain consistency and quality under tight deadlines

"She Sure is A-Beamin" - 2D animated thesis film - Producer

2023 - 2024

- Partnered with Director to track production progress, regularly discussed revisions and storyboarding strategies
- Led recruitment of key crew members such as composer, sound designer, cleanup, ink & paint artists to fit narrative
- Conducted story meetings and sequence reviews to plus camera, story beats, and overall creative vision

"Flyboy" - 2D animated short film - Writer, Director, Producer, Story Artist, Animator, Background Designer, Song Writer 2022 - 2023

- Dedicated 300+ hours to board and animate a hand-drawn, three-minute film about three bugs surviving in the desert
- Created storyboards from script thumbnails to timed animatic in a timely, fast-paced manner while remaining on-model
- Utilized strong verbal and written communication skills to articulate two-way feedback on storyboards with peers

Skills:

Passionate, inspired, motivated, diligent and prepared. Committed to excellence, respect, teamwork, and communication. Toon Boom Harmony, Storyboard Pro, Adobe Creative Cloud, Photoshop, After Effects, InDesign, Premiere Pro, Acrobat Pro, Procreate, Microsoft 365, Google Workspace, Social Media, Discord, ShotGrid, Instagram, LinkedIn, Facebook, X (Twitter).

References:

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