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Software Proficiency

Adobe Suite

Photoshop
Illustrator
Premier
After Effects

ToonBoom Suite

Harmony Essentials
Harmony Pro
Storyboard Pro

Microsoft Suite

Excel
Powerpoint
Word
OneNote

Other Software

Canva
Milanote
Procreate
Slack

Professional Skills

Visual Development

Environment Design
Character Design
Prop Design
Storyboards and Thumbnails

2D Animation

Character Animation
Effect Animation
Scene Prepping

Collaborative Skills

Organization
Articulation
Detailed Oriented
Adaptability

Additional Skills

Sound Mixing
Editing
Voice Acting

Professional Summary

Trained layout artist, background painter, story board artist, 2D animator, producer, and visual development artist. Articulate communicator with a strong background in customer service, public engagement, and team leadership. Skilled in managing high-energy environments, adapting quickly to fast-paced settings, and supporting any aspect of the animation pipeline. Passionate about media, storytelling, and delivering compelling content that resonates with diverse audiences. Eager to contribute strong communication, organizational, and creative skills to an animated production team.

Awards and Honors

Award Winning Filmmaker.	Recipient of 30+ First	Graduated Cum	SCAD Dean's List	SCAD Academic	SCAD Achievement	SCAD Student
Animated Shorts Selected to	Prize Awards for	Laude 2025	Recognition	Honors Scholarship	Honors Scholarship	Incentive Scholarship
be Featured in 100 Film	Animated Short Films			Recipient	Recipient	Recipient
Festivals World Wide.						

Work Experience

Student Ambassador - Savannah College of Art and Design

Selected from a pool top-performing students to represent the university and admissions at monthly university-wide open house events. Engaged with prospective students to share authentic campus experiences, lead admissions-sponsored tours and campus activities.
4/7/2024 - 5/30/2025

Barista - Hotel Bardo

Operated as the sole barista at a high-traffic café in a five-star hotel. Handled opening and closing duties, prepared and served food and beverages for breakfast and lunch, managed the register, and ensured exceptional customer service.
10/8/2024 - 12/18/2024

Precollege Assistant - Savannah College of Art and Design

Served as counselor and primary point of contact for a group of 20 pre-college summer program students, ensuring their safety, academic support, and class attendance. Served as career mentor and led engaging activities to foster community and create a memorable program experience.
6/6/2024 - 8/1/2024

Barista - Blends Coffee Boutique

Provided high-quality barista service at an upscale coffee boutique with an in house roaster. Managed food running, operated the register, and delivered exceptional customer experiences in a fast-paced, detail-oriented environment.
9/13/2022 - 8/5/2023

Barista - Starbucks Coffee

Trained and proficient in all barista stations, including cold bar, hot bar, blender, and opening/closing duties. Recognized for efficiency and reliability; frequently requested to support sister locations when understaffed due to strong performance.
6/12/2022 - 9/7/2022
6/26/2021 - 9/5/2021

Barista - Squirrel and the Bee Bakery/Cafe

Developed strong customer service skills in a fast-paced café. Learned to brew coffee, manage the register, run food, deliver pastries, and assist with dairy-free ice cream preparation—ensuring a welcoming and positive experience for every guest.
10/14/2017 - 5/26/2018

Education

BFA in Animation, Cum Laude, Savannah College of Art and Design

Concentration in Storytelling/Concept Development
Minor in Storyboarding
May 31 2025

Fellowship Graduate, School of Visual Arts

Graduate from the 2021 Animating for the Climate Crisis Fellowship

Precollege Graduate, Ringling College of Art and Design

Graduate from the 2018 Ringling Precollege program

Collaborative Projects

2D/3D Senior Capstone Animated Short Film - *Pippin and the Mountain Troll*

Creator, Executive Producer, Preproduction Lead, Layout Artist, 2D Animator
Original characters and story selected out from 300 submissions by entire student body as one of 30 chosen for senior capstone. Recruited, assembled, and led a 10-person team through pre-production planning and deliverables. Created layouts, produced 2D animations, and handling sound mixing.

2D/3D Animated Short Film - *Cowboy Baby!*

Layout and Background Lead
Designed, sketched, inked, and colored all visual layouts for the short film. Worked with our director and animators to make sure the backgrounds stylistically cohesive complemented the animation.

2D Short Film - *Teaser Trailer*

Layout Artist, Background Artist, 2D Clean Up Animator
Designed, sketched, inked, and colored the layouts for the Pompeii sequence.

2D Short Film - *BAD DOG*

Visual Development Artist
Designed the main lighter prop used across the short.

Live Action Short Film - *Butchery*

Storyboard Lead
Designed the beat boards, environment concepts, and storyboards for the short.

2D/3D Animated Short Film - *Bushitoad*

2D Effects Animator
Designed 2D effect concepts for the water and lighting. Rough animated effects throughout the short.

2D Short Film - *Lost Child*

Visual Development Artist
Designed turnarounds and expression sheets for the characters.