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3D animator

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education

SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS

2018–2022

- BFA Honors Computer Art, Animation, and VFX

WOMEN IN ANIMATION MENTORSHIP CIRCLE

Summer 2024

- 3D Animators: Improve Your Skills and Grow Your Career with Lianne Maritzer

ANIMATION MENTOR

Spring 2023

skills

- 3D Animation
- Previsualization & Layout
- Modeling
- Basic Rigging
- Look Development
- Lighting

software

- Autodesk Maya
- Unreal Engine
- Blender
- Nuke
- Adobe Suite
- Advanced Skeleton
- Shotgrid, AirTable, Google

awards

SHATTERED (2022)

Co-director, lead animator, lead compositor, editor, and producer

- ASIFA-Hollywood AEF Student Scholarship
- SVA Alumni Scholarship
- Students' Choice Award

experience

VARIOUS – Freelance 3D Animator

Oct 2022–Present

- Craft character performances according to needed style – dynamic, cartoony, realistic, stop motion, product, etc.
- Frame and animate cameras for effective storytelling
- Work with directors and producers to achieve creative direction, address client notes, and deliver on tight deadlines
- Collaborate with animators on performances and continuity
- Collaborate with other departments and update team daily
- Can work remotely with any timezone – open to relocation

- TAYLOR JAMES – EoS, internal pitches

- HIFI3D – Brightspeed Fiber Internet, unreleased mocap project

- SHATTERED GLASS FILM – Cricket Wireless

- HORNET – McDonalds, Kroger, Chipotle

- ODD – Bubly Burst

- FRAMESTORE NY – Geico

- HOPR – Google, Google Chrome, internal projects

- PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION – Lego AR

- JABIMATION – Pfizer

HORNET – Freelance CG Lighter

July 2024–Present

- Light shots, set up render layers, and optimize scenes for render

LIGHTWORQ – Freelance 3D Unreal Previs Artist

Apr–May 2024

- Create a cinematic in Unreal – storyboard, animatic, camera setup, character animation, prop rigging, lighting/post-process effects, rendering, and editing

HORNET – CG Intern

May 2023–Oct 2023

- Created previs, animated 10+ shots, and posed stills for Kroger holiday spot, “Cuisine Exchange”
- Created previs and animations on Chipotle project
- Modeling, rigging, look dev for Kroger and McDonald’s ads

FREE RANGE VFX – 3D Animation Mentee

Sep–Oct 2022

- Learn efficient workflow and technical solutions for quadruped

leadership

NYC REGIONAL LEAD – Asians in Animation

Sep 2022–Present

- Organize high-stakes events, like panels, studio tours & meetups
- Coordinate with internal departments and external parties
- Train and lead 3 assistants in organization and communication
- Assign tasks to assistants and volunteers, supervise progress