



EDUCATION

Ringling College of Art + Design, Sarasota, FL
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Computer Animation, May 2012

ANIMATION EXPERIENCE

Character Animator, Lefty Films, Off-site Contractor *March 2014 - Present*

- Character animation for a 21st century documentary on George Preddy, America's top P-51 Mustang ace of World War II, for public television
- Realistic keyframe and motion capture animation for custom and HumanIK rigs

Junior Animator/Previs Artist, Blind Squirrel Digital, New Orleans, LA *January 2013 - May 2013*

- Previsualization for a Twentieth Century Fox feature film
- Translated 2D storyboards into 3D sequences to help troubleshoot and explore the director's vision
- Realistic human and non-human character animation
- Shot composition, camera movement, and lighting setup
- Assisted with asset creation and After Effects compositing

TEACHING AND DESIGN EXPERIENCE

Teaching Artist, Blue Planet Writers' Room, West Palm Beach, FL *June 2011- December 2013*

- Taught eight 8-session arts-integrated workshops on story and animation to students K-8
- Taught twenty-eight 8-to-12-session arts-integrated workshops with 20-25 children K-5
- Combined visual art, animation, drama, and creative writing to teach literacy and anti-bullying strategies while encouraging reflection and creativity through solo and team-based activities
- International collaboration allowed students to share with their Mexican peers via webcam

Freelance Graphic Designer, Blue Planet Writers' Room, West Palm Beach, FL *2009 and 2011*

- Logo design and large-scale sign creation for a new non-profit organization
- Character illustration for integration in print and digital advertising

SPECIALIZED SKILLS

3D Animation:

Autodesk Maya
Renderman for Maya
Headus UV Layout
Nuke

Adobe:

Photoshop
Premiere Pro
After Effects

Other:

Windows and Mac OS
Corel Painter
Microsoft Office

Knowledge of basic Linux and HTML commands

ACTIVITIES

The Future of Storytelling MOOC and Gamification Design MOOC Participant, iversity.org

Street Painting Festival Participant, Southend-on-Sea, UK

Acting for Animators Workshops Participant, Florida Studio Theater, Sarasota, FL

Artists' Book Workshops Participant and Assistant, The Jaffe Center for Book Arts, Boca Raton, FL

Figure Drawing, Ceramics, Jewelry Workshops Participant, Armory Art Center, West Palm Beach, FL

INTERESTS

Overseas & U.S. travel. Dual citizenship: U.S. & Italy. Cultural studies, artists' books, watercolor.

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