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I am a story artist with 3+ years' experience in film and TV animation. I specialize in visual storytelling and have developed core competencies in storyboarding, sound editing, and character design. I take a hands-on approach to problem solving and a passion for creative collaboration.

EDUCATION

Ringling College of Art & Design, Sarasota, FL

Bachelor of Arts, Computer Animation, May 2023, GPA: 4.0

Thesis: a three-minute film emphasizing visual storytelling, emotion, and character interaction

RISD Pre-College, Providence, RI

Certificate in Animation, August 2018

Focus: Traditional Animation

SKILLS

Storyboard Pro, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Photoshop, Blender, Autodesk Maya, Clip Studio Paint; Music and Audio Integration, Toonboom Harmony, Nuke, Zbrush, Substance Painter, Adobe Audition, After Effects and Illustrator

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Story Artist | The Reality Project | December 2024 - present

- As part of the story team for The Reality Project's Reality Resort show on YouTube, I produce
 rough thumbnails from scripts and refine those boards into animatics in an episodic format in the
 style of TV animation
- Edit storyboards in Adobe Premiere to ensure consistent pacing, enhancing emotional beats and comedic timing
- Collaborate with writers and directors to refine pacing and visual clarity

DreamWorks Animation Mentorship | Summer 2024

Selected as one of ten artists to study under Angela Lepito, Department Manager, DreamWorks
Animation. Program covered communication skills, team management, industry best practices and
portfolio development

Story Artist | Video Editor | Freelance | May 2023 - present

- Served as Lead Storyboard Artist for Studio Comet Pink Floyd Competition; edited music and storyboards to produce a finalized animatic for the animation team
- Edited client's raw footage in Adobe Premiere to make short segments for TikTok, Facebook, and other social media platforms
- Produced pitches and promotional artwork for community groups such as ACME Theater, Neoscape, and FOWMO for social media usage

Animation Intern | Neoscape Inc. | June 2022 - August 2022

- Created storyboard pitches for clients, animated 5-second scenes for commercials, and worked with directors to visualize projects for layout
- Pitched ideas to directors and gained hands-on mentorship and critiques from seasoned industry professionals