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EDUCATION

California Institute of the Arts; Valencia, CA — BFA Experimental Animation — 2019

SKILLS

Stop Motion Animator

Puppet Fabrication

Dragonframe

Lighting and Grip

Blender

Final Cut Pro

Photoshop

After Effects

Stop Motion Rigging

Paper Sculptor

FDM 3D Printing

Woodworking

WORK EXPERIENCE

Director/Animator — The Other Space Kickstarter — April 2023 - present

Kickstarted, directed, and animated addition to my thesis film, *The Other Space*

Assistant VFX Compositor — Apartment D — December 2024

Tracked characters faces and added digi-mouths on Ruff Ruff Danger Dogs

Rigger/Animation Assistant — Open the Portal — May 2024 - July 2024

Designed, built, and assembled rigs for stop motion animators

Lead Animator — Yoo Lee's USC Thesis Film — January 2023 - April 2023

Animated on the stop motion film, *The Nectar Instead*

Miniature/Prop Fabricator — Open the Portal — December 2022 - January 2023

Made miniature sets and live action props for "Love From The Other Side" music video by Fall Out Boy

Lead Animator — Max Originals — July 2022 - October 2022

Animated on the stop motion film, *Welcome to 8th Street*

Stop Motion Animator — Stoopid Buddy Stoodios — March 2021 - August 2021

Animated on *Crossing Swords S2* and *Robot Chicken S11*

Assistant Animator — Stoopid Buddy Stoodios — January 2020 - February 2021

Track read shots, animated effect elements, and built rigs for animators on

Gloop World, *Robot Chicken Archie Special*, *Robot Chicken S11*, and *Santa Inc.*

Assistant Animator — Chiodo Bros. Productions — September - December 2019

Animated effect elements, built rigs for animators, and track read *Alien Xmas*

Equipment Manager — Calarts Film/Video Cage — January 2017 - August 2019

Organized and checked lights, cameras, and audio gear

Fabricator and Assistant Animator — Open the Portal — May 2017 - August 2018

Made replacement animation elements on Quaker Oats commercials