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Education

University of North Carolina Asheville, Asheville, NC

Graduated May 2025

Bachelor of Arts in New Media Animation

- GPA 3.6
- Undergraduate Research Scholar Designation For Stop-Motion Short Film Production
- Published in the UNC Asheville Journal of Undergraduate Research: "2:30 - A Stop-Motion Short Film"
- Presented at the Undergraduate Research Symposium April 2025
- Dean's List 2021, 2023, 2024
- Study Abroad: New Media Research and Production Summer 2023: Brussels, Rotterdam, Amsterdam

Relevant Courses: Programming Media Applications, Motion Media, Digital Design Principles, Interactive Media, Video Art and Design, Intermediate Computer Animation, Advanced Animation Techniques, Storyboarding, Video Game Studies

Relevant Experience

Pentomino Studio

May 2025 - Present

Animator, Fabricator, and Administrative Assistant

Asheville, NC

- Formed business plans and legal documents for opening an LLC in North Carolina
- Animated and fabricated for stop-motion music videos, short films, and commissioned assets
- Created concept art for collaborative animations
- Developed animations from client concepts
- Designed assets for website branding

Freelance Animation and Graphic Design

2020 - Present

Music Video, Flyer, and Logo Producer

Asheville, NC

- Independently created commissioned animated music videos for local musicians
- Designed logos for various brands, creators, and businesses
- Created flyers for art sales, events, and concerts
- Conducted art and product sales via local events and E-commerce

48 Hour Film Project Asheville and Greensboro

July 2024 and 2025

Animator, Video Editor, and Script Supervisor

Asheville & Greensboro, NC

- Won Best Graphics for animation in Greensboro project 2025
- Included in Top 10 Films in Asheville project 2024
- Animated collaboratively to create various 2D sequences
- Primary video editor and script supervisor for Team UNCA's 48 Hour Film Project 2024 submission
- Assisted the director of photography and videographer on set during the production process

Summer Art Tutor

April 2021 - August 2021

Freelance Summer Art Instructor

Ridgewood, NJ

- Formed technical studio art lesson plans and engaging out-of-class assignments for students on topics such as drawing anatomy, proportions, form, design, color theory, and perspective
- Taught animation and digital drawing on Adobe Illustrator and After Effects

Skills

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| ● Adobe Creative Suite | ● Storyboarding | ● Visual Effects and Post-Production | ● Graphic Design |
| ● Dragonframe | ● Puppet Fabrication | ● Video Editing | ● Web Design |
| ● Autodesk Maya | ● Armature Assembly | ● Sound Mixing | ● Script Supervision |
| ● Animation | ● Woodworking | | |

Awards and Achievements

Nominated for Best Cinematography and Best Editing: “‘Watch you’ Official Music Video”, Music Video Asheville 2025
 Best Graphics: “Code Chickadee, A Sensei Bob Story”, 48 Hour Film Project Greensboro 2025
 Distinction in Stop-Motion Animation and Undergraduate Research: UNC Asheville New Media Senior Awards 2025
 Best in Show: “best friend”, UNC Asheville New Media Spring Student Exhibition 2025
 Best in Stop Motion Animation: “best friend”, UNC Asheville New Media Spring Student Exhibition 2025
 Best in 2D Mixed Media: “best friend Film Poster”, UNC Asheville New Media Spring Student Exhibition 2025
 Included in Top 10 Films: “Miss Fortune”, 48 Hour Film Project Asheville 2024
 Best in Category for Stop-Motion Animation: “grammatical bathroom”, UNC Asheville New Media Spring Student Exhibition 2024
 Gold Key Award: “Sinking”, Scholastic Art & Writing Awards 2018

Festivals and Exhibitions

2025, “2:30” Animated Short, International Shortmood U30 Film Festival, Stuttgart, Germany
 2025, “2:30” Animated Short, Tanzanite International Animation Festival, Mikocheni, Tanzania
 2025, “best friend” Animated Short, Mobile Animation Film Festival, Mobile, AL
 2025, “2:30” Animated Short, Open World Animation Festival, Allentown, PA
 2025, “2:30” Animated Short, NanoCon International Film Festival, Longview, WA
 2025, “‘Watch you’ Official Music Video”, Music Video Asheville, Asheville, NC
 2025, “2:30” Animated Short, Palm Springs International Animation Festival, Palm Springs, CA
 2025, “2:30” Animated Short, TrixFilm, Ostrava, Czech Republic
 2025, “best friend” Animated Short, TrixFilm, Ostrava, Czech Republic
 2025, “2:30” Animated Short, ASIFA Hollywood Student Animation Showcase, Hollywood, CA
 2025, “2:30” Animated Short, Art All Night - Trenton Film Festival, Trenton, NJ
 2025, “2:30” Animated Short, 30th Annual Twin Rivers Media Festival, Asheville, NC
 2025, “best friend” Animated Short, Cinequeer Film Night, Atlanta, GA
 2025, “Snapping Trees” 2D Animation, “If These Trees Could Talk” at {Re}HAPPENING, Black Mountain College, NC
 2025, “2:30” Animated Short, UNC Asheville Academic Research Showcase, Asheville, NC
 2025, “2:30” Animated Short, UNC Asheville Undergraduate Research Symposium, Asheville, NC
 2025, “best friend” Animated Short, New Media Spring Student Exhibition, New Media Gallery at UNC Asheville, NC
 2025, “best friend” Animated Short, “Material Worlds” Curated by Forest Gamble, New Media Gallery at UNC Asheville, NC
 2024, “grammatical bathroom” Animated Short, New Media Spring Student Exhibition, New Media Gallery at UNC Asheville, NC
 2023, “Decay” 2D Animation, “Ou vas- tu?” New Media Study Abroad Student Gallery, New Media Gallery at UNC Asheville, NC
 2018, “Sinking” Mixed-Media Illustration, Montclair Art Museum, Montclair, NJ