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EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION

Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota, FL
Bachelor of Arts, May 2022, Major: Visual Studies

Certificate in Graphic Design and Illustration, Adobe Certified Associate, 2017

ANIMATION EXPERIENCE

Cleanup Artist, Skybone Studios, Remote

Mar 2025 - Apr 2025 (Seasonal)

Worked as a clean-up artist for the animated music video of Jim Stanard's Too Much Fun:

- Capitalized on traditional animation skills through extensive 'inbetweening' and rough animation
- Performed one or more passes of revisions using Toon Boom Harmony based on the supervisor's notes
- Refined each frame drawing while maintaining the acting and intentions pose-by-pose

Motion Designer, Healing Talks Counseling Services, Remote

Jan 2025 – Feb 2025 (Seasonal)

- Produced 5 to 15 second, inspirational videos discussing the importance of mental health awareness
- Utilized After Effects to create visually appealing motion graphics and typography for the company's Instagram page
- Worked with the client to conceptualize the aesthetic and tone of each project and deliver content within a 24-hour turnaround

Teaching Assistant, Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, Miami Lakes, FL

May 2024 – Nov 2024 (Seasonal)

- Collaborated with the lead teacher in instructing students with disabilities the fundamentals of animation, including storyboarding, character design, and producing short animations
- Provided timely and frequent feedback, one-on-one support, and learning materials to support students in delivering content by their deadlines

Assistant Animator, Boon Tunes, LLC, Remote

Apr 2023 – Aug 2023 (Seasonal)

Assisted in the production of a series of BioL-O-Gee R.A.P. "Digestion" Shorts:

- Used Animate for character rigging, text animation, and visual effects
- Modified existing animations based on storyboards to synchronize pre-recorded music and vocals

Animator/Cleanup Artist, IdeaMachine Studio, Remote

Aug 2022 – Aug 2023 (Seasonal)

Served as animator and cleanup artist for the animated film "The Unusual Tale: of Mary and Joseph's Baby" and a Trader Joe's advertisement campaign:

- Worked alongside the creative director to refine character animations for post-production
- Created high-quality animated sequences using Harmony and Photoshop while keeping the characters on model

Animator, Buzzagogo, Remote

Jul 2021 – Sep 2021 (Seasonal)

- Worked alongside the client in creating a 30-second commercial, resulting in an increase in sales for their nasal products:
- Provided first-rate hand-drawn storyboards and animation using Harmony and Storyboard Pro
- Designed characters and environments align with the client's artistic vision using Photoshop

SKILLS

Software: Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, After Effects, Premiere), Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), Google Workspace (Docs, Slides, Sheets), Toon Boom (Harmony, Storyboard), Blender

Computer: Windows, MacOS

Languages: Fluent in English, basic knowledge in Spanish