



# Karen Ramirez

## VISUAL DEVELOPMENT | BG PAINT

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### EDUCATION

#### ArtCenter College of Design

Pasadena, CA | 2022-2026

Bachelors of Fine Art in Illustration, Entertainment Arts Track

3.8 GPA

### EXPERIENCE

#### Teaching Assistant

ArtCenter College of Design | Sep 2025 - Present

Color & Design for Animation, Background Painting for Animation

- Facilitating communication between professor and students about weekly assignments.
- Providing critique to students in regards to composition, lighting, and color.
- Helping students learn how to organize Photoshop files and digital painting techniques that are industry standard.

#### Visual Development Mentee

ArtCenter Creative Career Mentorship | Sep 2025 - Dec 2025

- Collaborated closely with visual development mentor **Arthur Tang, Visdev Artist** at **Netflix & Nickelodeon** to develop a visual development project "Camille".
- Developed rough concepts to polished final paintings featuring: **concept art, color keys, and environment art.**
- Received targeted feedback on design and art direction.

#### Visual Development Artist

Animated Short Film - "Ogygia" | Feb 2024 - Sep 2024

- Collaborated with a production team of 20+ artists via online for student short film.
- Designed and painted 6 finished Baroque & Rococo-inspired digital paintings following a style guide under art director Michelle Cheng.

### SKILLS

**Software:** Photoshop, Procreate, InDesign, Illustrator, Sketchup, Google Suite, Maya, Blender

**Design:** Visual Development, Background Paint, Background Design, Color Keys

**Languages:** English, Spanish

**Interests:** plein air painting, technicolor films, going to museums, architecture history

### AWARDS

#### Women in Animation Scholarship

Jan 2025

#### College Women's Club of Pasadena Scholarship

May 2024 - May 2025

#### ArtCenter UG Entrance Scholarship

Sep 2022 - Apr 2026

### RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Background Design for Animation with Nikita Chan | June 2025

Production Design Workshop with Helen Mingjue Chen | Lightbox Expo | Oct 2024

Color & Light with Kat Tsai | Jan 2023