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CREATIVE PROJECTS

Dog Barbershop – Director / Creator

2023 – 2026 · ArtCenter Capstone

- Directed and produced an original animated short across four semesters, managing a team through the production pipeline.
- Designed all characters, developed style guides, and maintained visual consistency across team members.
- Handled production scheduling, asset tracking, and task delegation using Google Sheets.
- Composited & edited shots in After Effects and Premiere Pro.

Chat-Parderie, Gobelins, L'ecole de l'Image – Director / Character Design / Animation

Fall 2025 · Gobelins, Paris

- Produced a 50-second 2D FX sequence from pitch to completion in approximately one month, co-directing alongside six students.
- Led character design, created posing & style guide; contributed visual development, 2D character animation, and 2D FX animation.
- Composited entire short in Adobe After Effects.

Yokai Apartment – Director / Character Design / Animation

2025 · ArtCenter Entertainment Narratives

- Created a 2.5 minute animated TV trailer from pitch to delivery alongside two teammates.
- Developed character design and visual identity for the project including a cast of 10+ characters.
- Animation Director for a volunteer team; provided style guide, feedback, and drawovers to maintain visual consistency.

Meat Cute – Visual Development / Background Paint Lead / Animation

ArtCenter Shorts Program

- Visual Development, Color Design, Background Paint Lead, Rough Animation, and Cleanup alongside a 5-person core team.
- Official selections: East Bay Comedy Festival, BiCONIC Film Festival, OUR PRIDE Shorts & Arts Fest, Bowers Museum Comic Arts Expo, Tels Quels Festival, Chico Independent Film Festival, Fishnets and Film, Mentone Film Festival, ArtCenter Student Film Fest.

Sorry, We're Closed – Character Design / Animation

ArtCenter Shorts Program

- Led character design and created style guides that maintained visual consistency across team members.
- Adapted to the director's established art style while contributing original design work.

Freelance – Poster Designer

2023 – Present

- Designed promotional posters for events and music shows; created print-ready and digital assets in Procreate, Photoshop, and Illustrator.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Arcadia Art Academy – Art Instructor

February – April 2025 · Arcadia, CA

- Designed and delivered creative art lessons for children ages 5–12 with a focus on drawing fundamentals; managed classroom environment and studio inventory.

Golden Age Body Piercing – Counter Staff

May 2023 – August 2024 · Los Angeles, CA

- Client consultation, scheduling, and studio management; educated clients on piercing aftercare. Strong customer-facing communication across all ages, budgets, and demographics..

V3 Advertising – Sales Representative

September – December 2022 · Los Angeles, CA

- Represented brands across industries with emphasis on non-profit organizations; strong face-to-face communication and rapport-building with clients.

Visual Arts Center of New Jersey – Teaching Assistant

September 2017 – May 2019 · Summit, NJ

- Assisted instructors with lessons for children aged 5–16; managed studio inventory and parent communication.

EDUCATION

ArtCenter College of Design

BS Entertainment Design
Animation Track · May 2026
Pasadena, CA

Gobelins, L'école de l'Image

Exchange Semester · Fall 2025
2D Animation & Filmmaking
Paris, France

Brown University

Psychology · Providence, RI

Rhode Island School of Design

Illustration coursework while
enrolled at Brown University
Providence, RI
(Prior to transfer to ArtCenter)

SKILLS

Character Design
Visual Development
2D Character & FX Animation
Art Direction & Style Guides
Background Painting
Compositing
Pitch Development
Stop Motion Fabrication
Production Scheduling
Team Leadership & Collaboration

SOFTWARE

Adobe Photoshop
Adobe Illustrator
Adobe After Effects
Adobe Premiere Pro
Toon Boom Harmony
TVPaint
Storyboard Pro
Autodesk Maya
Procreate
Microsoft Office Suite
Google Suite