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EDUCATION

California Institute of the Arts (CalArts) - Valencia, CA
BFA, Character Animation | August 2022 - May 2026

Ringling College of Art & Design - Sarasota, FL
BFA, Computer Animation | August 2021 - transfer

ANIMATION EXPERIENCE

Storyboard Intern

LAIKA STUDIOS - Hillsboro, OR | June - August 2025

- Storyboarded **narrative sequences for 2 projects**, collaborating closely with directors and story head.
- Developed beat boards and exploratory story passes for projects during early story development.

Storyboard Artist

ANIMATIC STUDIO - Guangzhou, China | May - July 2023; May - November 2024

- Storyboarded **sequences for 3 CG promotional projects** of **Tencent Games' Honor of Kings**.
- Designed character introduction, action, and hero shots, emphasizing clarity, pacing, and visual impact.
- Storyboarded **1 narrative sequence for a feature project** currently under NDA.

Animator

ANIMATED-FILM PROJECT - “水塘幻想” - China | May - July 2023

- Contributed to a Bilibili-sponsored animated short, supporting animation and character performance.
- Animated **key poses and breakdowns** for the main character and props across dozens of shots.

Animator Assistant

ANIMATED-FILM PROJECT - “蒯老伯的糖水屋” - China | October 2020 - April 2021 (China)

- **Cleanup and in-betweened multiple 2D animation shots** for the theatrical animated short film “蒯老伯的糖水屋”.
- Film was included in “To the Bright Side” (向着明亮那方), released in theaters across mainland China (2022).
- Supported senior animators to ensure consistency in line quality and motion.

PERSONAL ANIMATED FILMS

The Bowl - Director | Independent Animated Short Film (2023)

Achievements: **Procreate Award** at CalArts Producers' Show 2023, **Award Winner** at AniMaroolic, **Finalist** at Student World Impact Film Festival and Fine Cut Festival, and **Quarter-Finalist** at WideScreen Film & Music Video Festival.

Chasing Time - Director | Independent Animated Short Film (2024)

Achievements: selected by CalArts Producers' Show 2024, Animex, and Miami 4 Social Change Youth Film Festival

What the Heck?! - Director & Animator | Animated Short Film (2022)

Awards: **Best Story** in 2022 Zeet Studio 72 Hour Contest, **Potential New Star Award** in Stellar Animation Short Film Project.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Office Assistant

CalArts International Student & Program Office - Valencia, CA | September 2022 - Present

- Designed monthly newspapers and posters for event promotion and internal communication.

Lazarus Student Assistant

Lazarus Engaged Learning Assistantship - Ringling College of Art & Design, FL | September 2021 - May 2022

- Collaborated with local nonprofit organizations through community-engaged art initiatives.
- Developed creative solutions and visual concepts addressing real-world organizational needs.

SKILLS

Softwares: TV Paint, Toon Boom Storyboard, Toon Boom Harmony, Maya, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe After Effect, Adobe Premiere