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PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Children's Book Illustration

Animation

Storyboards

Visual Development

Video Editing

Graphic Design

TOOLS

Photoshop

Illustrator

AfterEffects

Animate

Premiere

InDesign

Clip Studio Paint

Google Slides

Microsoft Word

Microsoft PowerPoint

ToonBoom Harmony

ToonBoom Storyboard Pro

Looking for animator or book illustrator role. A passionate and driven visual artist in New York, NY. Has 17 years of comprehensive leadership experience in entertainment and advertising.



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Freelance Director 2008 - 2010, 2022-present

- * Self-sufficient lead director for an animated pilot, festival submissions, a series pilot, storyboarding, comics, and even a re-animate collab with around 30 artists.
- * Can adapt to different styles such as corporate, cartoons, anime, and more.
- * Hired and led remote teams of colleagues with dedication, clarity, diligence, and respect.

Animator, Storyboarder

Psych2Go 2024-present

- * Took over creative direction of the storyboarding and final cut of calming animated videos that promoted tips on balanced mental well-being and psychology, aimed at a young audience, for YouTube channel that attracts +100 million views per year, with at least one upload per day.
- * Created roughly 6-7 videos a year.
- * Underwent economic and cost-saving creative decisions for each video while maintaining trending visual languages.

Illustrator

"Blob and Krilliam", Tolland, Inc. 2024-2025

- * Rising publisher Tolland, Inc. commissioned 41 illustrations plus a book cover of a 6-10-aged childrens' book with illustrations that mimic the style of a 1980's Don Bluth movie. Created the character designs and environments as well.
- * Of their several existing books, "Blob and Krilliam" became their highest-selling book on Amazon and Lulu as of March 2025 with 100+ copies sold.

Illustrator

"Pillow-Man", Flat Sole Studio 2023-2024

- * Created four cover illustrations and seven character profile drawings for a young adult book series about teenagers that gain superpowers.
- * Successful sale of first to releases with two more coming.

General 2D Animator, Storyboarder, Background Artist

Goldstrom Media, LLC 2022 - 2023

- * Brought to life a cast of alphabet characters for a childrens' learning series, due out in mobile and kid's handheld devices soon. 2D digital cut-out style animation.
- * Encouraged weekly animation reviews so all animators can evaluate each other's work together.

2D Generalist

Dtoons Productions 2012 - 2023

- * Key lead artist on YouTube channel with 6 million subscribers and several videos with millions of views.
- * Mimicked the style of established cartoon characters from all walks in media for use in crossover videos. Also assisted in finalizing the look and rigged models for original characters.
- * Varied and diverse role - producing animation, designs, and rigs, as well as acting as a co-director, executive, and social media manager at points. Jack of all trades in storyboarding, layout, animation, and even voice acting, with passion for improving the pipeline. Visualized final product early and provide direction through that.

Substitute Teacher, School of Visual Arts NYC, Summer 018

- * Covered key features in ToonBoom Harmony for two days. Expressed helpful and supportive guidance in hands-on portion, working with each student individually as well as generally.

Animator, Storyboarder, Background Artist

"Animerica Season 3" opening sequence, Animerica YouTube channel, 2015

- * 90-second opening for YouTube anime review show spoofing anime openings.
- * Dynamic cinematography, realistic character acting, and dramatic editing and motion graphics utilized to compliment angsty, heavy tone to match the hard rock soundtrack.



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INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Dedicated
Go-Getter
Curious
Visionary
Attentive

Graphic Designer

VMLY&R 2018- 2022

- * Creative Associate for an international award-winning tech heavyweight WPP Global.
- * Value asset to the CANNES Lions e-commerce conglomerate's New York branch, with support from the supervisor; survived three corporate mergers. Strove under pressure with tight deadlines, like completing 30 sketches in three hours for Ford at one point.
- * Collaborated with directors to lead clients into becoming award-winning advertising hubs, raising their sales by 30%.

Junior Designer

Geometry Global 2014 - 2018

- * Created cohesive designs for many clients, including Campbell's, Snyder-Lance, CoverGirl, Ford Lincoln, Pfizer, and others, applied across 360 marketing.
- * New duties included: storyboarding, print and web design, poster design, video editing, and illustration for mobile games, interactive storybook apps, UI, UX, store display pitch reels and client reels.

Animator

G2 2010 - 2014

- * Started on Pepperidge Farm's "Goldfish Tales" campaign, spearheading the unique world of Goldfish translated for use on the internet.
- * Guided the look of the beautiful CGI-animated TV commercials of the "Finn & Friends" family franchise into use for web design, for banner ads, storyboards, B2B reels, case studies, and website sizzle reels.
- * Created up to 80 digital interactive illustrations for the "Finn & Friends" Mysteries storybook series for the iPad. The series teaches valuable lessons about problem-solving, facing fears, and cooperation.

Animator

Animation Collective 2006 - 2008, 2012 - 2013

- * Childrens' animated television series' and web series' for Nickelodeon, Cartoon Network, Johnson & Johnson, including Kappa Mikey and Speed Racer: The Next Generation. First time working with a team and easily adapted to the role.
- * Solid background in the twelve animation principles of character acting and storytelling.
- * Promoted to Layout department, resulting in higher quality in the final edit.

ANIMATED SHORTS AND SERIES

"Orbis Park" 2011, 5 minutes long, 1st for Excellence In Design at ASIFA-East Awards, 2012

"Norm & Cory" 2013, 3 minutes long

"Tidbits With Norm & Cory" 2015

- * YouTube edutainment series based on the "Norm & Cory" short covering science and nature lessons. 1 season, 13 1-minutes
- * Highly-watched hit show on BatteryPop digital kids channel as well as the Sprout Network

EDUCATION

Rhode Island School of Design | BFA Illustration and Film / Animation / Video

VOLUNTEER WORK

Operations > Registration, Connecticon 2023-present

Checked attendees in at the gate, checked their badge information with ID. Involved friendly customer service behavior under occasional busy periods, knowledge of registration app, and quick thinking.

Meals on Wheels September 2019

Packaged 4,000 meals for elderly and less fortunate in a day.