

Sydney McPherson

3D Character Animator

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Education

- 3D Animation Mentorship - AnimSchool - Provo, UT** Jan 2022 - Sept 2022
Character Performance - Instructed by Aldric Lopez
Body Acting - Instructed by Morten Enevoldsen
- Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in Animation** Sept 2017 - May 2021
Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) - Savannah, GA
Honors: *summa cum laude*
Courses of Study Included:
-Life Drawing, Color Theory, Speaking of Ideas, American Art, Media Literacy Theory

Work Experience

- Astrid Audet Academy of Ballet - Fort Lauderdale, FL** Aug 2014- May 2016
Dance Instructor
-Taught one class per week, instructing 4-6 year-olds in ballet and tap dancing techniques
-Substituted for other instructors when needed

Collaborative Experience

- The Lumberjack and the Woodpecker - Directed by Connor Bushoven** Sept 2020 - May 2021
3D Animator, Modeler, Composer
-Brought life to human, bird, and beetle characters throughout 11 shots of the film
-Created Ms. Pecky model using ZBrush and Maya
-Modeled bushes and aided in populating layouts with environment assets, camera, and rough animation
-Led compositing of woodchip/dust effects, created a written guide and asset package for other animators
-Worked remotely and efficiently during COVID-19 pandemic through Zoom and Discord
- The Fox & Crow - Story by Janelle Thang** Sept 2019 - Nov 2019
3D Animator, Sound Editor
-Animated the fox character, keeping all movements and expressions on model
-Rendered several shots and aided in compositing.
-Created an immersive soundtrack using Adobe Audition and online sources

Software

Autodesk Maya Adobe Photoshop Adobe Premiere Pro Pixologic ZBrush
Adobe After Effects Adobe Illustrator Adobe Audition Windows

Achievements/Exhibitions

- NATAS Southeast Student Production Award - C12 Fiction Short Form** July 2022
-Awarded to The Lumberjack and the Woodpecker for excellence among works created by college students
- Gallery Talk - Telfair Museum of Art - Savannah, GA** March 2020
-Provided insight on a Paul Stone painting. Discussed artist biography, medium, subject matter, and theme

Volunteer Experience

- SCAD Hometown Heroes - Calvary Christian Academy - Fort Lauderdale, FL** November 2018
-Coordinated a presentation at my former high school
-Educated prospective students on SCAD's creative career opportunities
- Mexico Missions Trip - Hocabá, Mexico** January 2016
-Served the community
-Engaged children in Bible study via skits and interaction
-Repainted the local church and handed out shoes to those in need

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