

Sydney McPherson

3D Character Animator and 3D Artist

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Education

AnimSchool

Provo, UT

Character Performance - Instructed by Aldric Lopez

09/2022

Body Acting - Instructed by Morten Enevoldsen

03/2022

Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in Animation

09/2017 - 05/2021

Savannah College of Art and Design - Savannah, GA

Honors: *summa cum laude*

Courses of Study Included:

Life Drawing, Color Theory, Speaking of Ideas, American Art

Work Experience

Freelance 3D Animator

09/2022

Barnstormer Media - Stamford, CT

- Cosmic Kids Trailer: Created action and idle animations for multiple characters
- Bubbles and Friends EP 1020: Added finishing touches to existing animations
- Utilized Autodesk Maya's Game Exporter to prepare animation for rendering in Unreal Engine
- Worked collaboratively while managing my time efficiently
- Implemented feedback to iterate and refine my animations

Dance Instructor

08/2014 - 05/2016

Astrid Audet Academy of Ballet - Ft. Lauderdale, FL

- Taught 4-6 year-olds, cultivating an understanding of ballet and tap techniques
- Substituted for instructors and created appropriate lesson plans

Collaborative Experience

The Lumberjack and the Woodpecker - Connor Bushoven

09/2020 - 05/2021

3D Animator, Modeler, Compositor

- Worked from a storyboard to breathe life into human, bird, and beetle characters throughout 11 shots of the film
- Referenced 2D concepts to develop Ms. Pecky model using Maya and ZBrush
- Aided in populating layouts by modeling and texturing bushes, placing cameras, and creating rough animations
- Led compositing of woodchip/dust effects, created a written guide and asset package to share with other team members
- Communicated remotely and effectively with a team through Zoom and Discord

The Fox & Crow - Janelle Thang

09/2019 - 11/2019

3D Animator, Sound Editor

- Animated fox character, keeping all acting choices and expressions on model
- Troubleshoot rendering issues for several shots and aided in compositing
- Created an immersive soundtrack using Adobe Audition and online sources

Software

- Autodesk Maya
- animBot
- Studio Library
- ZBrush
- Windows
- Adobe Suite
 - Photoshop
 - Premiere Pro
 - After Effects
 - Illustrator

Skills

- Problem Solving
- Creative Thinking
- Collaboration
- Perseverance
- Flexibility

Achievements

NATAS Student Production Award - Fiction Short Form 2022

- Awarded to The Lumberjack and the Woodpecker for excellence among works created by college students

Volunteer Experience

SCAD Hometown Heroes 11/2018

Calvary Christian Academy - Ft. Lauderdale, FL

- Coordinated a presentation at my former high school
- Educated prospective students on SCAD's creative career opportunities

Mission Trip

01/2016

Hocabá, Mexico

- Served the community
- Engaged children in Bible study via skits and interaction
- Repainted the local church and handed out shoes to those in need

Demo Reel: <https://vimeo.com/sydrmcpherson>