

# Sydney McPherson

## 3D Character Animator

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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
- Collaborated remotely with the team and offered iterations of my work according to feedback

#### 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

- 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 through Zoom and Discord

#### The Fox & Crow - Janelle Thang

09/2019 - 11/2019

3D Animator, Sound Editor

- Animated 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
- Adobe After Effects
- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe Audition
- ZBrush
- Windows

### Achievements

#### NATAS Student Production Award - Fiction Short Form

2022

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

#### Gallery Talk - Telfair Museum of Art - Savannah, GA

2020

- Provided insight on a Paul Stone painting.
- Discussed artist biography, medium, subject matter, and theme

### 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/643616424>