



ZAK (ZACHARY) TODD

ANIMATION

CHARACTER DESIGN

VISUAL DEVELOPMENT

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Animator and artist specializing in animation, character design, and visual development. Proficient in Adobe, Autodesk, and ToonBoom software, with 3D experience in programs such as Autodesk Maya and Blender. Skilled in traditional media, including acrylic, charcoal, clay, graphite, ink, metal, and wood. Passionate about bringing ideas from concept to final product, with a focus on creating vibrant, appealing characters and stories.

LANGUAGES

English

Native

French

Reading & Writing

Spanish

Beginner (Learning)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Animation & Sculpture

University of South Alabama
Mobile, AL
2015-2020

- Animation & Sculpture double major.
- Founder/Alumni of the University of South Alabama Animation Association, USAAA.
- 2x Recipient of the Robert Snell Scholarship in Art.

SKILLS

Animation 2D/3D	Attention to Detail
Character Design	Collaboration
Conceptual Design	Creativity and Innovation
Digital Modeling	Digital Literacy
Editing	Leadership Experience
Storyboarding	Multilingual Skills
Traditional Media	Project Management
Typography	Storytelling
Visual Development	Writing and Publication

SOFTWARE KNOWLEDGE

Adobe Acrobat	Autodesk Maya
Adobe After Effects	Autodesk Mudbox
Adobe Animate	Autodesk Sketchbook
Adobe Illustrator	Blender
Adobe Media Encoder	Harmony ToonBoom
Adobe Photoshop	Harmony Storyboard Pro
Adobe Premiere Pro	Zbrush
Clip Studio Pro	Google Suite
Corel Draw	Microsoft Office Suite

WORK EXPERIENCE

Freelance Artist/Animator

Zak Todd Animations, Self

Mobile, AL 2017- Present

- Design, construction, and painting of Mardi Gras floats/props.
- Freelance art on a commission basis.
- Animations, Brand Design, Character Design, Graphics, Motion Graphics.
- Public art, sculptures and murals.

Teaching Artist

Amp Up Arts

Mobile, AL 2023-Present

- Created weekly lessons around the fundamentals of drawing aimed towards middle school level students.
- Coordinated crafts and projects between schools and the local arts council for regional events.
- Performed interactive demonstrations.

Intern

Mobile Arts Council

Mobile, AL 08/2023-12/2023

- Researched and compiled information on local art functions and opportunities for use in council publications.
- Advocation for local artists.
- Assembly and organization of council functions.

Instructor: Intro to Character Design

Alabama Contemporary Art Center, Seasonal

Mobile, AL 06/2021-06/2024

- Created lesson plans to explain the principles of character design for beginners.
- Discussed the animation production pipeline.
- Performed interactive demonstrations.
- Created, and participated in, daily sketch prompts.

Marketing Team Animator

Denny Manufacturing

Mobile, AL 2020-2021

- Created motion graphics for the use of promoting company sales and branding.
- Designed graphic elements for company emails and websites.
- Created and planned posts on multiple social medias.
- Worked on website backend and sales.

NON-PROFIT WORK

Phi Boota roota National Percussion Fraternity

Percussion service fraternity

- National Secretary. (2023-Present)
- National Vice President. (2021-2023)
- National Webmaster. (2017-2021)
- Acted as webmaster, secretary, and warden to the Phi Lambda chapter at the Univeristy of South Alabama. (2017-2020)

Pharaohs Mystic Society

Mardi Gras Organization

- Member of the Board of Directors. (2023-2024)
- Acted as Parliamentarian. (2023-2024)

Jag TV

Campus television station

- Worked on the production of Jag Arcade, JagTV's video game talk show. (2015-2018)
- Producer/Host. (2017-2018)
- Script Writer/Director. (2016)
- Floor Director. (2015)

EXHIBITIONS

Mobile Fesitval of Flowers

Cathedral Square, Mobile, AL

March 2024

- Natural material installation inspired by the life of Lonnie Johnson
- Made in conjunction with the Mobile Arts Council.

Mobile Animation Film Festival (MAFF)

Alabama Contemporary Arts Center, Mobile, AL

October 2020

- Undergraduate thesis film, *Jacked Jackson*.

Essence in Frame

USA Marx Library Gallery, Mobile, AL

July- August 2019

- Undergraduate thesis film, *Jacked Jackson*.

ART ATTACK

USA Visual Arts Gallery, Mobile, AL

November 2018

- Undergraduate showcase.
- Three printed pieces, two sculptures.

INTERESTS/HOBBIES

Favorite Movies: Ghostbusters, Back to the Future, Little Shop of Horrors.

Favorite Shows: Avatar: the Last Airbender, Ben 10, Danny Phantom.

Interests: Mythology, Cinema, Cultural Studies, Creative Writing, Fashion.

Hobbies: Guitar, Piano, Drums, Video Game Art, Culinary Design, Toy design.

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