

# **Alana Marie Duarte**

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# **Experience**

#### Art Instructor - Mayor Karen Bass Summer Night Lights.

Wilmington, California | July 2024-August 2024

Executed a plan to involve participants from Wilmington in various arts programming initiatives actively. Maintained constant communication with the Mayor's Office, documenting each week's workshop alongside challenges or accomplishments that may have occurred. Cultivated a community of enthusiastic participants eager for the week's workshops.

# Volunteer Animation Supervisor, Character Designer, And Animator – "Geri Action"

Animated/Live Action Short | July 2023-May 2024

Collaborated with the director to present constructed feedback to the project's other animators. Presented new concepts to improve the character designs of the film's cast, improving character sheets to meet the director's standards. Utilized Toon Boom Harmony skills to animate a character in a live-action scene.

### Animator - "Caterpillar Jam"

2D Thesis | Sept 2022-May 2023

Used an understanding of the film's themes to create animations that stayed true to the film's art style. Communicated regularly with team members to reflect on progress, improved workflow & methods, and reported any issues that arose during production.

#### Animator – "Guardians"

2D Short | Loyola Marymount University (Remote) | Jan 2021-May 2021 Storyboarded and animated % of all shots through the animation pipeline. Cooperated with 5 other animators to fully develop the short film's story. Designed and simplified character design concepts for animating.

#### **Animation Office Assistant**

Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA | April 2022-May 2023

Monitored the animation department floor and classrooms, ensuring each room was clean and orderly and that classroom equipment worked properly and was ready for classes that day. Managed and organized office files and documents, and inventory of office supplies placing orders when necessary.

# Technical Knowledge

3D Programs: Maya, Mudbox, Unity

**Adobe:** Photoshop, After Effects, Premier Pro, Illustrator, InDesign, Animate

Animation/Art Programs: Toon Boom Harmony, Clip Studio Paint EX, Canva, Storyboard Pro, Duik Basil

**Google:** Docs, Drive, Gmail, Slides, Calendar, Sheets

**Microsoft:** Outlook, Office, Word, Teams, Cloud, OneDrive

**Miscellaneous**: file organization, instructing, outreach, inking, painting, sculpting

**Social/Communication Platforms:** Discord, Instagram, Twitter, Bluesky, LinkedIn, Linktree, Zoom

# Recognition

# Best College Film Award Finalist 2022

McMinnville Short Film Festival

## Quarter-Finalist 2022

Drawtastic Golden Pencil Awards

#### Official Selection 2021-22

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## **Education**

### **Loyola Marymount University**

Los Angeles, CA | | August 2019 - May 2023 Bachelor of Arts in Animation