

KARA ZONA

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EDUCATION Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Animation. GPA: 3.8/4.0 May 2015

Savannah, GA

SKILLS

Autodesk Maya, 3ds Max, Z Brush, Adobe Photoshop, After Effects, Premiere, Illustrator, In Design, Flash. Experience in Blender, Mari, and Toon Boom

WORK EXPERIENCE

2017 Tiny Monster Studios, 3D Modeler

Built 3D Assets for mobile game. Created 3D models, textures, lighting and rendering. Autodesk Maya. Photoshop.

Marietta, GA

2016 – 2017 SCI, Independent Contractor

Courier that delivers packages and catering on strict deadlines.

Atlanta, GA

2015 – 2016 Blick Art and Materials Design Center Sales Lead

Lead framer and printer who designed, formatted, and completed custom orders, ordered supplies and maintained inventory levels of materials, streamlined work processes to create a more efficient pipeline, managed and lead a production team to complete orders by strict deadlines.

Roswell, GA

2015 Red Bull Soap Box Challenge 3D Modeler

Collaborated with Engineer to model a head of a Ninja Turtle to be 3D printed to create molds for masks. Autodesk Maya, Blender.

Roswell, GA

2015 Unrealism in D Major Director, 3D Modeler, Animator

3D Modeled nine characters and animated four 2d paintings. Responsible for concept development, story, animation, compositing. Autodesk Maya, Adobe Photoshop, Flash, After Effects, Toon Boom.

Savannah, GA

2014 Buddy's Saucy Dogs Freelance Artist, Designer

Designed illustrations for private client meeting specific requirements. Created illustrations on short deadlines. Reformatted and organized files for easy navigation for client. Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop.

Marietta, GA

2014 On Scanning Art Director, Animator, Independent

Self-directed and written art project about time and fragmented space. Designed themed projects exploring memory, form manipulation, cubism, texture maps, automatism, and perception. Mustek Flatbed Scanners.

Marietta, GA

2014 Tethered 3D Modeler

3D modeled and textured kites as previz for 2D/3D hybrid film directed by Jenna Zona. Autodesk Maya.

Marietta, GA

2013 The Bush Director, Designer, Animator, Writer

Directed and animated a film to promote Lacoste, France. Responsible for development, design, story and animation. Adobe Flash.

Lacoste, France

2012 – 2013 Aaron Brother's Art and Framing Sales Associate

Sandy Springs, GA
Designed and formatted custom orders for private clients. Organized and kept store clean. Unloaded, unpackaged, and organized new stock.

Honors and Awards

2016

10th River Film Festival

International Debut of
Unrealism in D major in
Padua, Italy

PULSE Art + Technology Festival

Gifs exhibited in Savannah's Gif
Festival at Telfair Museum, Jepson
Center

Fledgling Filmmakers' Festival

Unrealism in D Major shown as
part of festival at Indiana
University of Pennsylvania

Studio 360

Winner of Studio 360's My Gify
Valentine on Kurt Anderson's
WNYC podcast

2015

The Creator's Project

Online article about top 6
women gif artists
sponsored by Intel and Vice

PULSE Art + Technology Festival

Telfair Museum, Jepson Center
Four Gifs exhibited in Savannah's
Gif Festival

2014

Huffington Post

Online article about Face Stretch Gif
series

Harvard University

Published select works in The
Advocate Fall 2014

The Creator's Project

Online article about Face Stretch
Gif series sponsored by Intel and
Vice

2011-2015 Scholarships

Academic Honors

Artistic Honors

SCAD Student Grant

REFERENCES AND REEL

available upon request