

NICK A. ERICKSON

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ANIMATOR / DIGITAL ARTIST / STORYTELLER

EMPHASIS: CHARACTER & EFFECTS ANIMATION, DIGITAL PAINTING, STORYBOARDING

Digital Artist and Animator with 6 years of experience seeking a new opportunity. Experience performing character and effects animation, character design, and digital painting for Nickelodeon Animation Studio, Bento Box Entertainment, and Hasbro Inc, while working closely with Animation Directors and Production Coordinators. Dedicated leader with excellent communication skills and a proven track record of success creating character/effects animation for television shows including *The Masked Singer* and *Duncanville* on Fox, and *Wolfboy and the Everything Factory* on Apple TV+.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

2D Animation
Visual Development
Adobe Photoshop / After Effects

Character Design & Animation
Toon Boom Harmony
Traditional Painting

Effects Animation
Digital Painting & Illustration
Storyboard Pro

EDUCATION

SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN, Savannah, GA
Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree, Emphasis in Animation, Graduated Cum Laude 2018

Relevant Coursework:

Animation | Illustration | Writing | Public Speaking | Performing Arts | Psychology | Art History

EXPERIENCE

NICKELODEON ANIMATION STUDIO, Burbank, CA

Aug – Oct 2023

Assistant Animator - Freelance

- Creating and revising highlights and shadow tones on animated characters and props for *The Casagrandes Movie*.
- Utilizing Toon Boom Harmony to achieve a final look that correlates to the Art Director's reference material.
- Reporting directly to Animation Director and Production Coordinators to complete assignments and problem solve.

Key Accomplishments

- Assistant Animator for *The Casagrandes Movie* for Nickelodeon and Netflix.
- Working together with other Animators and Assistant Animators to meet tight production deadlines.
- Creating polished animation content that exceeds expectations of project's Director.

BENTO BOX ENTERTAINMENT, Atlanta, GA

July 2019 – June 2022

Animator

- Character and Effects Animator, Character Designer, and Digital Painter for multiple TV shows and online content.
- Utilize a combination of traditional and rig animation techniques to bring characters to life.
- Create high-quality 2D characters, environments, and effects that complement the Art Direction and style desired by the Animation Director.
- Work in observance of the project budget and schedule, while remaining capable of adapting to shifting priorities.

Key Accomplishments

- Character Designer and Digital Painter for *The Masked Singer* for Fox.
- Character and Effects Animator for *Wolfboy and the Everything Factory* for Apple TV+.
- Character and Effects Animator for *Duncanville* for Fox.
- "Bento Buddy" responsible for helping newly hired employees with potential issues and problem solving.

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HASBRO INC., Pawtucket, RI

June 2018 – April 2019

Associate Digital Artist

- Hasbro's first internal 2D Harmony Animator at the company's international headquarters in Pawtucket, RI.
- Utilized Toon Boom Harmony to complete animations for Hasbro's commercials and online content.
- Collaborated with Writers, Storyboard Artists, and Digital Artists to complete promotional projects for Hasbro's brands.
- Utilized character design files to create rigs in preparation for animation during tight production deadlines.

Key Accomplishments

- Created several social media animations for Hasbro brands such as *Lost Kitties* and *My Little Pony*.
- Animated characters for Hasbro's toy commercials that combined 2D animation with live-action footage for *Yellies*, *Trivial Pursuit*, and *Lost Kitties*.
- Created storyboards for a project to promote Hasbro's influence on families and loved ones.
- Used Harmony and Adobe Photoshop to create 2D and 3D character/title animations to be on display during a pitch presentation for a new Hasbro brand.

HONORS & AWARDS

- **The Webby Awards 2022**, Honoree in Social Television and Film (Series and Campaigns) for Fox's *The Masked Singer: Behind the Mask Series with Nicole Scherzinger*, Fox Entertainment/Bento Box Entertainment.
- **The Red Dot Design Awards 2017/2018**, Communication Design "Best of the Best Award", International Red Dot Jury for original illustration *Just a Bite*.
- **3x3 International Illustration Awards 2018**, Certificate of Merit, International Panel of judges for original illustration *Just a Bite*.
- **Screencraft Virtual Pitch Competition 2023 Spring**, Semifinalist for original elevator pitch based on an original animation pilot screenplay.
- **Awareness Film Festival 2018**, Official Selection for original short film *Hyperspeed*.
- **Portland Short Film Festival 2019**, Official Selection for original short film *Hyperspeed*.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Toon Boom Harmony, Storyboard Pro, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe After Effects, Adobe Illustrator