



SOL VALDEZ

Storyboard Artist | Character Designer | Illustrator

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I was raised in Kansas, studied illustration in Baltimore, MD, and moved to LA in March 2022. I have a passion for storytelling through art, and my love for film and animation is an extension of that passion. I enjoy challenging myself with new styles and concepts, and I love playing with shape and color.

WORK EXPERIENCE

STORYBOARD ARTIST - Hedy Films

December 2022 - Current | Contract

► Storyboarding several scenes of "Donuts And Stardust," a surreal live action film/musical theater experience.

CHARACTER DESIGNER, STORYBOARD ARTIST - Offspring

July 2021 - December 2022 | Freelance

► Created several animatics, designed characters, a logo, and backgrounds for a pitch for the animated teen horror/comedy show "Offspring," created by Hannah Silverman.

ILLUSTRATOR, GRAPHIC DESIGNER - Crescendo Conservatory

July 2020 - July 2022 | Part-Time

► Created illustrations for several shirts, designed the company website, and revamped the company's social media marketing.

CHARACTER DESIGNER - Set My Soul On Fire

March 2021 - October 2021 | Freelance

► Designed characters for a pitch for the adult animated action/drama show "Set My Soul On Fire," created by Gabe Alexander.

CHARACTER DESIGNER - Offspring

February 2021 - May 2021 | Freelance

► Designed early concepts for "Offspring" characters.

STORYBOARD ARTIST - Kolrom Media

July 2019 | Freelance

► Storyboarded for "Motti Masmid," an animated educational kids show

STORY & CHARACTER DESIGN INTERN - Cinema Chef Productions

Summer 2019 | Internship

► Intern on the animated short "Cypher Drive." Collaborated with other interns & art directors on storyboards, prop designs, & character designs.

EDUCATION

MARYLAND INSTITUTE COLLEGE OF ART (MICA) 2016 - 2020

BFA in Illustration

Sequential Art concentration

Magna Cum Laude

Dean's List 2017 - 2020

SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO (SAIC) Summer 2014

Precollege painting curriculum

KANSAS CITY ART INSTITUTE (KCAI) Summer 2013

Precollege painting curriculum

AWARDS

MICA Awards 2016-2020

Creative Vision Award

National Art Honor Society Scholarship

Foundation Year Scholarship Competition

Fanny B Thalheimer Scholarship

Fred and Jonna Lazarus Scholarship

SCAD Challenge 2016

1st place, platinum award

Scholastic Visual Art Awards

National Silver Key, 2016

21 Regional Scholastic Awards

SKILLS

PROFESSIONAL

- Organization
- Communication
- Detail oriented
 - Project management
- Self-motivated
- Enjoys both collaborating and working independently

CREATIVE

- Character design
- Storyboarding
- Visual Development
- Sequential art
- Color Theory
- Shape language
- Anatomy
- Lighting
- Range of cartoony to semi-realistic styles

TECHNICAL

- Mac OS & Windows

