

Nicholas Manning

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3D Animator + Layout Artist

WORK EXPERIENCE

Director, Producer, 3D Animator and Previz Artist

Atlanta, GA from July 2023 to August 2024

of *El Patrimonio De Xihcoatl*, MFA Thesis Film

- Wrote five-minute script and developed a comprehensive pitch packet with initial concept art and world-building elements, visualizing the project's narrative and visual aesthetics for an animated short film.
- Lead four department heads and managed a team of 50+ artists through the production pipeline, ensuring timely completion of high-quality animated deliverables.
- Maintained a production schedule using Excel, tracking progress and meeting deadline efficiently.
- Implemented a Kickstarter campaign to advertise the film and to raise funds, achieving financial goals for film festival submissions and increasing project exposure.

Previz Artist Training Program

Los Angeles, CA from September 2022 to October 2022

at *The Third Floor Inc.*

- Mastered pre-visualization techniques using proprietary software, contributing to a deeper understanding of the animation pipeline and visual storytelling.
- Produced five pre-visualization shots including elements of keyframe animation, motion capture clean-up, shot composition set and VFX compositing; standardizing my aptitude for working on industry level projects.
- Developed a cinematographic eye to support visual storytelling and narrative beats of feature film.

Freelance Marketing Assistant

Denver, CO from June 2024 to Present

with the *Shaka Franklin Foundation for Youth*

- Develop printed marketing material and social media content to promote the non-profit fundraising events, increasing event visibility and engagement.

Digital Media Intern

Denver, CO from June 2022 to August 2022

at *Fentress Architects, LLC.*

- Collaborated with the marketing director to create seven promotional videos in After Effects and Premiere Pro, showcasing the firm's architecture portfolio on their rebranded website, boosting their online visibility and engagement.

Community Assistant

Atlanta, GA from January 2021 to June 2024

at *Savannah College of Art and Design - Atlanta*

- Led a team of six Resident Assistants and managed the operations of a 300-student dormitory, ensuring a safe and supportive living environment.
- Provided community building opportunities, emergency resources, and academic/personal support to 1400+ students.
- Implemented targeted advertising campaigns to reach program target audiences.

EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts in Sequential Art

at *Savannah College of Art and Design*

from September 2022 to August 2024

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Animation

at *Savannah College of Art and Design*

from September 2022 to June 2024

Animator Mentee at *Kyosil Animation*

Mentorship Program

May 2022 to August 2022

Gained industry insights through a 12-week mentorship, enhancing professional and business understanding of the animation field.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Creative Direction | Project Management | Copywriting | Narrative Structure Development | Storyboarding | Previsualization | Concept Development | Graphic Design | Video Production | Video Editing | Marketing Strategy Development | Public Speaking | Presentation | Adobe Suite | Google Suite | Slack | Autodesk Maya | Toonboom Harmony | Storyboard Pro | Procreate | Conversational Spanish |

AWARDS and RECOGNITIONS

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award Recipient 2024 | SCAD Atlanta's Dean List Recognition 2019-2024 | AAC All Conference Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field 2021-2024 |