

JENNA SHIHADY

CHARACTER DESIGN | DEVELOPMENT

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EXPERIENCE

WOMEN IN ANIMATION MENTEE

MARCH 2025 – AUGUST 2025

Breaking In: Getting into Animation as an Artist
Mentored by Pramita Mukherjee

- Collaborated with a group of 16 mentees from diverse backgrounds producing our own short "In the Weeds"
- Developed script and scene structure
- Storyboarded multiple scenes
- Organized production files and assets
- Offered productive critique and feedback to fellow mentees

SKETCH-TOONZ L.A. – EVENT COORDINATOR

DECEMBER 2024 – PRESENT

- Coordinated events for a diverse group of over 600 local L.A. artists to network and socialize with their community
- Managed outings from set-up to breakdown
- Coordinated with team to uphold goals revolving around inclusivity, diversity, and community outreach

THE SUPERHERO PROJECT – POSTER ILLUSTRATOR

JANUARY 2024 – PRESENT

- Volunteered the illustration of multiple posters of individuals with disabilities as superheroes
- Met prompt 2-week deadlines
- Applied all given notes with a can-do attitude

"LORD BYRON'S PET" MICRO-SHORT FILM

APRIL 2024 – JANUARY 2025

- Collaborated with co-director Marycruz Villasenor on development from start to finish
- Acted as lead character animator
- Provided character designs and turnarounds
- Worked in an efficient and simplified style

"IN THE RIVER SHE RESTED" SHORT FILM ANIMATIC

SEP. 2022 – JULY 2023

- Developed script and translated to storyboards
- Designed characters from concept to clean-up
- Directed voice talent
- Assembled and edited animatic

EDUCATION

PROJECT CITY – FUTURE DIRECTORS COURSE

FALL 2022 – SPRING 2023

ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE OF ART + DESIGN

2018 – 2020 Bachelor of Fine Arts in 2D Animation

Magna Cum Laude

COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY

2016 – 2018 Animation, film + motion design



SKILLS

ARTISTIC

CHARACTER DESIGN
PROP DESIGN
ILLUSTRATION
2D ANIMATION
STORYBOARDING
ANIMATIC EDITING
STYLE ADAPTABILITY

PERSONAL

POSITIVE ATTITUDE
ORGANIZED
MULTI-TASKING
EFFICIENT UNDER STRESS
PROBLEM SOLVER
STRONG COMMUNICATION

SOFTWARE

ADOBE SUITE
- PHOTOSHOP
- ILLUSTRATOR
- AFTER EFFECTS
- PREMIERE
TOON BOOM
- HARMONY
- STORYBOARD PRO
CLIP STUDIO PAINT
GOOGLE SUITE
PROCREATE
PROCREATE DREAMS

ACCOLADES

Creative Talent Network Foundation
Torsten Schrank Partial Scholarship Recipient 2025

Silverlake Shorts
May 2025 Screening
"Lord Byron's Pet"