



PROFILE

Adriel is a Canadian-American illustrator & animator. He was born in Montréal, Canada, grew up in the states, & graduated with an MFA in animation from the University of Southern California. He's worked at studios such as Nickelodeon, Disney TV, Monkey Paw Productions, & Sony Animation on the hit shows Moon Girl & Devil Dinosaur, Monster High, & Bubble Guppies. Adriel has also become known for directing the animated short film, Camp Kona, and for his published works as an illustrator on the award winning children's books, I am A Triathlete

SKILLS

Illustration

Character Animation

Visual Development

Storyboarding

Art Direction

Character Design

Music Production

Leadership/Directing

Languages:

English • French

HONORS & AWARDS

2021 BIBA Best Indie Book Award for Children's Encouragement

2021 Book of the Year Award The Independant Author Network - Childrens Illustrated Finalist

2016 Procreate App Honorable Mention

SCAD Deans List 2014 - 2018

EXPERIENCE

(May 2024 - Jul 2024)

MONKEY PAW PRODUCTIONS Worked as a concept artist tasked with communicating closely with Jordan Peele's production team to design original characters for an upcoming series.

(Jun 2023 - Nov 2023)

WALT DISNEY TELEVISION ANIMATION Animation Intern Artist at Disney TVA on ongoing Marvel animation series "Moon Girl & Devil Dinosaur". Responsible for assisting the art team with various tasks such as character designs, layout, and background art for use on the production.

(Jun 2021 - Sep 2022)

NICKELODEON ANIMATION Production intern & Asset Production Assistant assigned to the TV shows "Bubble Guppies" and "Monster High." Responsible for assisting the production team with various tasks as well as shadowing the staff, managing scripts, observing creative art direction meetings, story pitches, and gaining exposure to the studio workflow.

(Oct 2020 - Nov 2020)

SLAM MAGAZINE Worked as a freelance filmmaker on a collaborative animation project between Slam and Vote4Me to create short film promoting voting for the 2020 election.

(Feb 2020 - Apr 2020)

I AM A TRIATHLETE CHILDREN'S BOOK Worked as Lead Artist/ Designer and Art Director on the multi-award winning independently-published children's book written by Nia Obotette responsible for all visual elements of the project.

(Dec 2018 - Jan 2020)

APPLE Team Creative working to provide product based knowledge and design based seminars. This includes giving in-depth classes, demos, and sessions on site at Apple on the subjects such as "Drawing and Designing with Procreate."

(Jan 2018 - Mar 2018)

Sony Pictures Animation & Mitú Background Matte Painter on a team working to illustrate shot-by-shot backgrounds for the Sony and Mitú short film "Al Otro Lado" directed and produced by Nadine Promes.

EDUCATION

(2020 - 2023)

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA M.F.A in Animation and Digital Arts from the USC HENCH DADA School of Cinematic Arts. Anticipated graduation May 2023

(2014 - 2018)

SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN Graduated Deans List and Magna Cum Laude with a B.F.A degree in Animation and a minor in Industrial Design

ORGANIZATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

CANNES CAN.DIVERSITY COLLECTIVE 2024 AMBASSADOR Invited by Adrienne C. Smith to join the CC.DC initiative and represent global minority talent and leadership alongside a group of ambassadors at the Cannes Lions Festival of Creativity

POV PERSISTENCE OF VISIONARIES USC GRADUATE CLUB Social Chairman of the MFA Animation Student Government, responsible for planning/hosting department-wide events, mixers, and info sessions

USC SCHOOL OF CINEMATIC ARTS SA Worked as an SA (Student Assistant) to professors in the USC Animation program for courses such as Character Design Workshop and Intro to 3D Animation



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PUBLISHED WORK

Camp Kona

Animated Short Film Directed by Adriel Meka

I Am a Triathlete

Written by Nia Obotette Illustrated by Adriel Meka

Gary & The Great Inventors

Written by Akura Marshall Illustrated by Adriel Meka

Kulu the Wise Turtle

Written by Akura Marshall Illustrated by Adriel Meka



SOFTWARE

Ma

Autodesk Maya

Pro

Procreate

C4D

Cinema 4D

Ae

After Affects

Ps

Photoshop

Tv

TV Paint

Lo

Logic Pro X

Ai

Illustrator