



# GRANT BURRESS

## ANIMATOR AND GRAPHIC DESIGNER

### PERSONAL PROFILE

I am a graduate of The University of Missouri and the recipient of the 2021 Video Art and Design People's Choice Award. It is my goal to utilize my strong skills and experience to secure a position in the creative industry. I have a wide variety of experience with 2D and 3D animation that will allow me to make an immediate impact as an Animator. With my knowledge of animation concepts and my overall interest in art and acting, I believe I can be of great value in assisting in designing characters, perfecting their movements, and conveying their personalities and stories. In my current position as Creative Director of the Lorin Gallery, I have gained valuable experience working with several departments and clients. I have also worked closely with different clients who I helped design cover art, promotional material, websites and short animations/ music videos. One of my greatest accomplishments to date is the creation of my own characters Cappy the Rabbit and Friends. Please check out my animation reel and explore the world of Cappy the Rabbit!

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### Website/ Logo Designer and Gallery Assistant

Lorin Contemporary Art Gallery | Aug 2021 - present

- Solely responsible for designing and maintaining the company website, shipping, sales, and promotional material
- Assist professional artists in displaying and creating exhibition including animating visual elements
- Work with famous artists personally to deliver their vision to gallery website and exhibitions

#### Graphic Designer/ Animator

Sound by RY/ Relevant Youth | Dec 2019 - May 2021

- Conducted day-to-day project coordination, planning, and implementation across multiple teams.
- Created music videos, Spotify canvases, and animations for musicians.

#### Freelance Animation and Artwork

Self Employed | Jan 2014 - present day

- Commissioned to create animations, cover art, and artwork for friends family and professional clients.
- Collaborate with other designers.
- Work with clients to make sure their visions are met.

### EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

#### University of Missouri

Bachelors Degree in Digital Storytelling | Aug 2017 - May 2021

- Studied animation and graphic design with extra experience in visual effects.
- Set Record for Video Art and Design Schowcase competition for an original animation.
- Worked with various students and talents across campus and in other Universities.
- Achieved notariety from the university for skills in animation.

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### SKILLS SUMMARY

●●●● Character Designing

●●●● Animating in Adobe AE


●●●● Learning Maya 3D

●●●● Proficient in Adobe Illustrator/  
Photoshop

●●●● Works great with others

●●●● Storyboarding

### AWARDS RECEIVED

 University of Missouri Video Art and Design Showcase People's Choice Winner. (set record for University) (2021)

 Applied Design award for Animation (2021)

 Relevant Youth Animation award (2019)

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## EDUCATION

University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri  
Graduation: May 2021  
B.B.A. in Digital Storytelling

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK AND SKILLS

- Drawing Materials & Methods
- Production 1
- Production 2
- Animation 1
- Animation 2 (*Recommended and chosen to be in Animation 2 after showcasing advanced abilities*)
- Proficient in Adobe Illustrator
- Proficient in Premier
- Proficient in 2D hand drawn animation in Procreate
- Currently working towards proficiency in Maya
- Animation Aficionado (*Always had interest in all aspects of Film and Animation*)
- Website Designer

## HONORS AND AWARDS

### Civil Coffee Exhibition Showcase 2023

- Commissioned to have my artwork displayed in multiple "Civil Coffee" shops around the Los Angeles area featuring 16 original pieces of art

### 2021 Visual Art and Design Showcase

- Winner and record breaker for a University held Visual Art and Design Showcase where I submitted an original animated music video starring original characters, 1600 votes were for my animation setting a record for the Showcase and University

### Rockford Art Museum Cover Artist

- Commissioned to have my artwork displayed on the cover of the Art Museum to advertise the event throughout the city

### Rockford Association for Minority Management Scholar

- Chosen out of 29 students to be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship due to showcasing academic excellence throughout all four years of high school, also contributed to being the group of scholars to have the highest cumulative GPA in all 37 years of activity.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Keel Management | Sales Associate, Huntington Beach/ Long Beach CA 2023

- Utilized sales and marketing strategies to become weekly "High Roller"
- Developed strong personal connections with customers and clients
- Trained future employees on successful marketing strategies
- Assisted in several campaigns promoting high value products

### Gondek Studio, Graphic Designer and Video Editor *Present*

- Edited, Organized, and Compiled video for podcasts and social media posts
- Used Photoshop to carefully create linework for future art and merchandise
- Helped assemble and fulfill orders for prestigious art collectors and enthusiasts

### Lorin Gallery | Contemporary Art Gallery, Website designer/ Manager, Downtown Los Angeles CA 2021-2023

- Sole Designer and Editor of company website
- Assisted professional artists in displaying and creating exhibition including animating visual elements
- Worked with famous artists personally to deliver their vision to gallery website.
- Helped animate NFTs and promotional graphics for website and social media.

### The Relevant Youth/ Sound by RY, Marketing and client organization, Columbia, MO 2019-2021

- Creator of company logos and client logos
- Creator of promotional material for company and music videos for clients
- Responsible for organizing film shoots, storyboards for animations, and creating graphics

### The Sax Agency, Marketing and client organization internship, (Remote) 2019-2020

- Creator of company Wikipedia pages
- Responsible for organizing biographies and facts about employees

### SOCKETABS, Fulfillment Center, Rockford, IL (*featured on hit ABC show Shark Tank*) 2017-present

- Solely responsible for filling and reviewing orders to ascertain number, size, color, and quantity of merchandise
- Solely responsible for keeping record of ingoing and outgoing orders
- Solely responsible for creating packaging and new merchandise.

## PROFESSIONAL AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

### Business Owner, *Entrepreneur*

- Established an Art and Animation company in Los Angeles for commissioned art and animation work.
- Produces, concepts and animates my own cartoons and films.

### Creator and Owner of Cappy the Rabbit, *Entrepreneur*

- Established and Created my own brand based off of my original animated character, Cappy the Rabbit, which was embraced by Rockford Public School students through the apparel and merchandise that I created and sold

### The Relevant youth, Creative

- Helps create and develop promotional material for clients including musicians and local companies. Over sees creative and artistic choices within the agency.

### Guilford High School Student Council, *Council Member*

- Chosen to create the Guilford High School's senior class of 2017's senior shirt based on consistently showcasing my artistic abilities and interests

### Cinematographer for University Short Film, *Visual director*

- Chosen to lead the visual aspect of an on campus short film at the University of Missouri showing my creative skills and vision.

## VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### University of Missouri Digital Storytelling VR Club, *Member*

- Joined a club for animation and virtual reality majors to provide fellow support and help inspire and generate new ideas for each other's projects.

### Film Studies Freshman Interest Group, *Member*

- Film group composed of similar freshman film majors to gain important information to help new students learn more about film making and attending University of Missouri

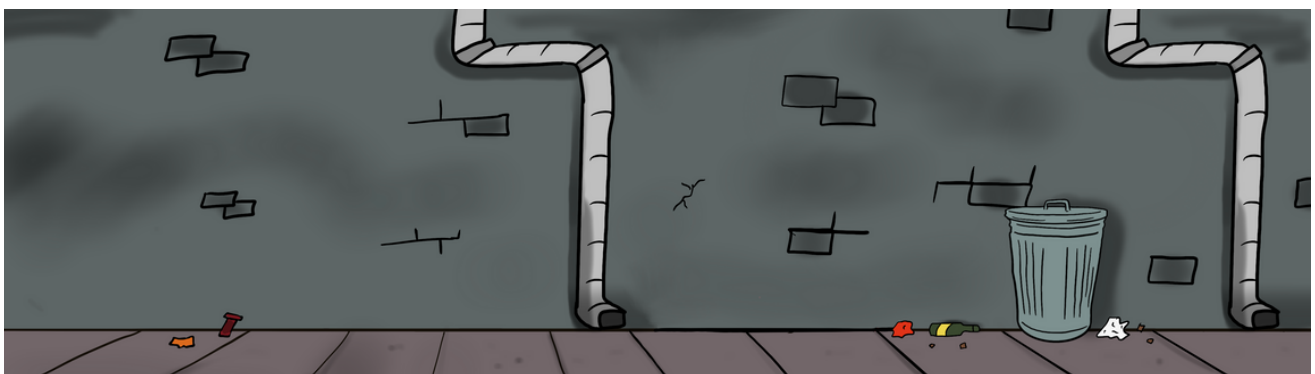
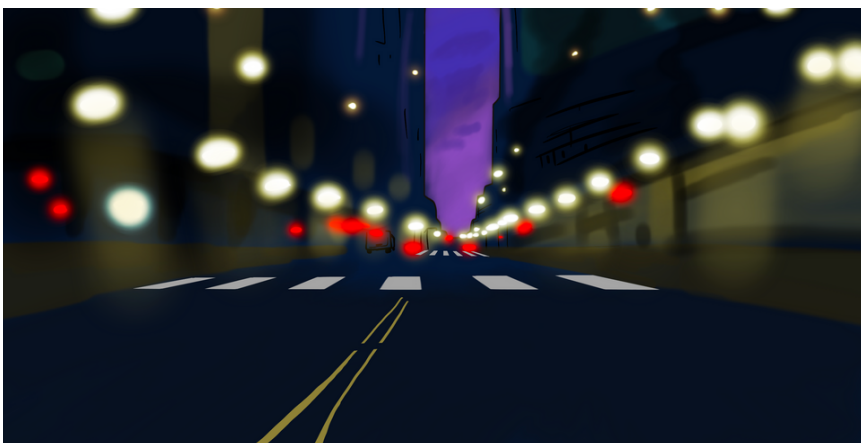
### Guilford High School Swim Team, *Varsity Team Member*

- Four-year Varsity swim team member

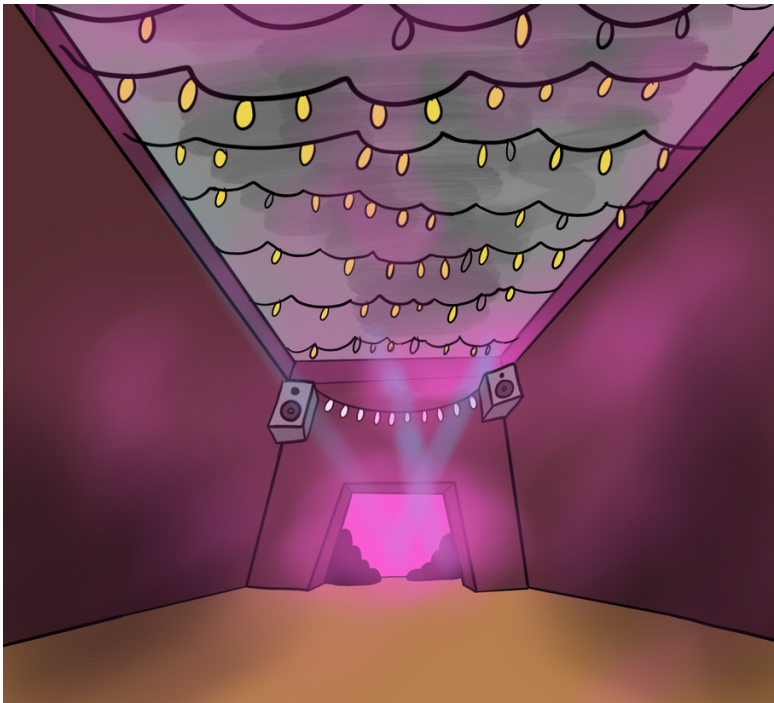
# ANIMATION SHOTS



# BACKGROUNDS



# BACKGROUNDS 2



# STORYBOARDING

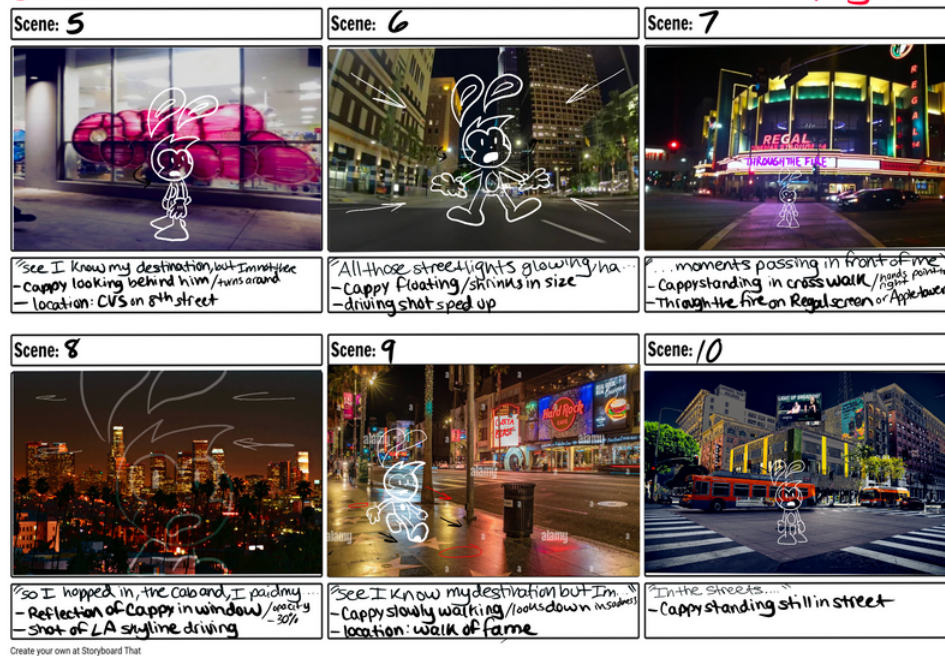
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Storyboarding is my second favorite part of animating. I try to include every aspect of the film in each box so I know exactly what I want the film to look like. Storyboarding allows me to plan proactively and bring characters to life.

# LOGO AND WEBSITE DESIGN

LORIN GALLERY

- Home
- About Us
- Artists
- Exhibitions
- Fairs
- Media
- Podcast
- Contact
- Stores



Lorin Gallery | Contemporary Art Gallery, Website designer/ exhibition assistant, Downtown Los Angeles CA



**PERFECTING  
YOUR HVAC  
EXPERIENCE**

Cooler temps are coming! Don't forget to schedule your fall maintenance!

**FALL  
TUNE-UP  
SPECIAL**

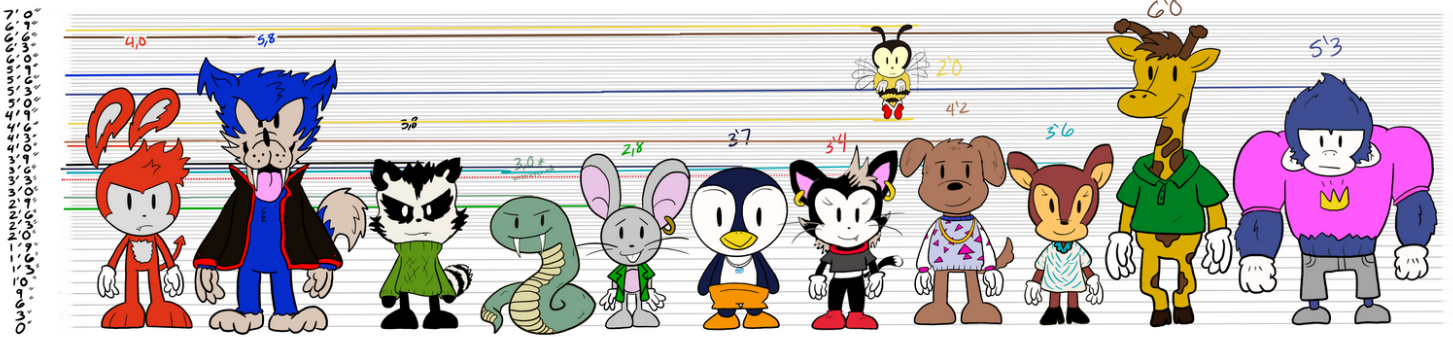
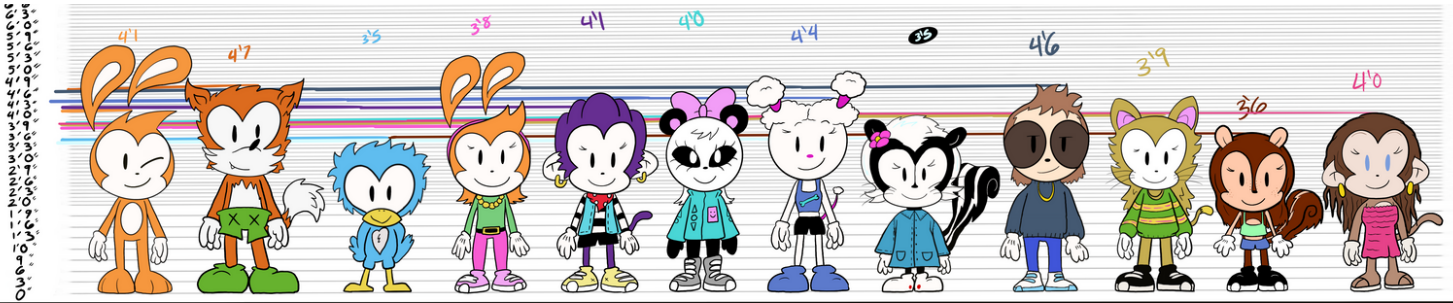
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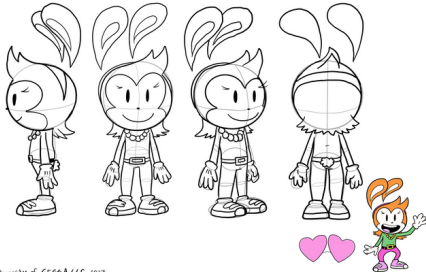
Perfection AIR, Logo Designer Tempe Arizona

# CHARACTER DESIGN



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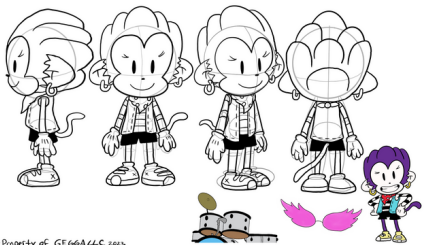
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**MANDY the MONKEY**

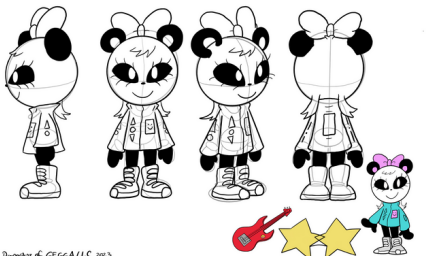
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**PHI the PANDA**

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**KAPPY the JACK RABBIT**

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**VINCENT the WOLF**

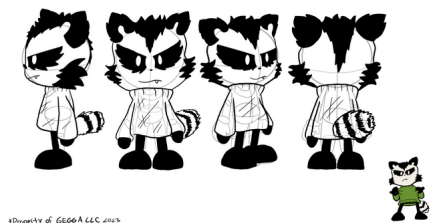
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**RUSS the RACCOON**

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