



SOPHIA SALA

Visual Development

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SOFTWARE

Adobe Photoshop
Notion
Figma
Adobe After Effects
Adobe Illustrator
Procreate
Clip Studio Paint
MS/Google Suite

SKILLS

Visual Development
Background Design
Character Design
Background Paint
Prop Design
Color Design
Illustration

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Adv. Concept Art
Anim. Pre-Production
Life Drawing
Fantasy Art
Animation Production

AWARDS

Easton Plein Air
Quick Draw -
Honorable Mention
July 2024
MICA Dean's List
August 2021 – Present

INTERESTS

F1 Racing
Roller Coasters
Harp Performance

EXPERIENCE

Art Intern / Freelance

June 2024 – Present

Kissing Party LLC

- Involved in a variety of tasks in animation pipeline including background art, storyboard pitching, color design, 2D animation, and social media illustration, primarily in Photoshop
- Participated in numerous real-world projects for clients, including visual development for an Adult Swim bumper, BGs for an animated short for comedian Morgan Jay, and others
- Retained as freelance artist after successful completion of internship

Background Lead

December 2024 – Present

“Sanctuary: Grand Reopening” Thesis Film

- Designs and paints background art for senior thesis short based on director's layout
- Collaborates with director and BG team to ensure consistent style, mood, and continuity as well as incorporating visual storytelling into environment

Co-Creator / Animator

May 2024 – October 2024

McLaren Tooned: Refueled Fan Project

- Co-creator of “reanimated” passion project *McLaren Tooned: Refueled* inspired by 2012 animated short series by McLaren Animation, recieved thousands of hits across socials
- Responsible for communicating with 40+ artists while re-imagining a 5-second shot in personal style, designed backgrounds and characters based off F1 drivers

Background Artist

December 2023 – February 2024

“Zombie Garden” Thesis Film

- Painted numerous backgrounds for nature-based fantasy animated short
- Coordinated with director and BG team to ensure consistent aesthetic
- Frequently communicated to ensure proper file submission for downstream artists

LEADERSHIP

Lead Peer Career Advisor

August 2022 – Present

MICA Career Development

- Works as student representative on dynamic, small team of peers in MICA's CD office
- Communicates and coordinates with full-time staff, plans events related to professional practice, and advises peers on resume/cover letter writing and internship resources

Co-President - Student Animators for Inclusion

August 2022 – Present

MICA Center for Student Engagement

- Plans alumni/studio talks and facilitates community for MICA Animation students with a focus on elevating marginalized voices
- Organized annual animated film festival in February 2025 for greater Baltimore student community, included student work from four local schools with attendance of over 150 community members

SIGGRAPH Student Volunteer

Summer 2022 / Summer 2023

ACM SIGGRAPH

- Supported the SIGGRAPH 2022/2023 conferences by contributing 20+ hours of work throughout fast-paced, week-long industry event

EDUCATION

Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA), Baltimore, MD

Illustration BFA Candidate, Animation Minor | Expected Graduation May 2025 | GPA: 4.0