

KOTTA KATSUDA

character design & visual development

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Entertainment Design Anticipated 12/2022

ArtCenter College of Design, Pasadena, CA

Merit Scholarship upon acceptance, Provost's List 01/2019 - Present

CGMA Character Design Mentorship 07/2021 - 08/2021

With David DePasquale, Sherman Oaks, CA (Online)

EXPERIENCE

Background Painter 08 - 09/2022

Independent animation project

Painted backgrounds from storyboards for TV pitch deck.

Character Designer 06/2022

HBO Max x WarnerMedia Access Animated Shorts Program

Designed stylized characters, environments, and props for 2D animated short inspired by Indian shadow puppets with attention to color script and to meet creative direction.

Animation & Design Intern 07/2021

teamLab, Tokyo, Japan

Assisted CG generalist pipeline by designing, modeling, texturing, and animating props for art installation with a team of artist and engineers. Researched Edo period art and reference.

Teaching Assistant and Peer Coach 09/2019 - Present

ArtCenter College of Design, Pasadena, CA

Provided in-class critique to polish projects. Supported students on projects, life management, and technical software including Photoshop and Maya to improve college experience.

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

Animated short: Morry (2021), Director

Selected for ten film festivals and finalist in Fine Cut Festival of Films, Honorable Mentions for Student World Impact Film Festival and Los Angeles Animation Festival.

Animated short: In Tandem (2020), Director

Selected for Crazy Talented Asian & Friends Shorts Festival.

ArtCenter Student Leadership Education & Development Grant 05/2021

Offered to participate in off-campus learning experience for character design mentorship.

SKILLS

Design: Character design, costume design & research, background painting, 2D animation, CG modeling

Software: Adobe Photoshop, After Effects, Premiere, Illustration, Autodesk Maya, Unreal Engine 4, 3DS Max, Blender, Toon Boom Harmony, Storyboard Pro, TVPaint

Languages: English (Native), Japanese (Professional)