



MARIA JOSE ESQUIVEL

STORYBOARDING · BACKGROUND DESIGN

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EXPERIENCE

Incredible Ant • *Wildseed Studios*

Storyboard Artist

January-April 2019 • Remote

Storyboarded and pitched 4 episodes of an animated comedy and action-adventure series. Created dynamic action sequences and high emotional stakes through gesture and staging. Created character driven boards with comedic payoff. Maintained clear and open communication over different timezones to meet weekly deadlines.

Caracol Cruzando • *Lobo Studios*

Background Artist & Storyboard Artist

July-December 2017 + June-August 2016 • Los Angeles, CA

Produced layouts, concept art, and backgrounds for a 15 minute animated short. Improved pacing and expressiveness through storyboard revisions. Generated time and cost-effective solutions for production issues. Researched efficient design strategies through close collaboration with director.

Permadeath • *White Snake Projects*

Team Leader + Visual Development Artist

Winter 2017 • Rhode Island School of Design

Headed a team of 5 in the visual development of a video game-themed opera. Conceptualized and rendered atmospheric environments and storyboards using Photoshop. Organized tasks and delegated roles to ensure work was cohesive

RISD Writing Center • *Writing Tutor*

2015-2017 • Providence, RI

Engaged with students of diverse backgrounds to facilitate critical thinking and writing skills. Provided students with support and guidance through peer-review and one-on-one discussion.

EXTRACURRICULAR

Theatre Acting • *RISD Exhibitionists*

Hot Dames, Hot Lead; Vagina Monologues; Last Fall

2015-2016 • Providence, RI

Developed characters and performed on stage in both English and Spanish.

Expedition Leader • *National Outdoor Leadership School*

2012, 2014, Wyoming USA & Sweden/ Norway

Led groups of 5 or more using compass and terrain maps through Yellowstone National Park and the Scandinavian arctic. Followed proper wilderness safety guidelines and displayed strong team working skills in adverse conditions.

EDUCATION

ArtCenter College of Design

Bachelor of Fine Arts
Illustration Entertainment Art
2022 • Pasadena, CA

Rhode Island School of Design

Bachelor of Fine Arts
Illustration
2017 • Providence, RI

Brown University

Medieval Studies and English
2012-2014 • Providence, RI

SKILLS

Design & Communication

Storyboarding
Layout
Environment Design
Visual Development
Character Design
Verbal & Written Communication
Collaborative Work
Project Management

Software

Photoshop & Illustrator
Storyboard Pro
Procreate
Traditional Media

Languages

Spanish (native fluency)
Japanese (intermediate)

Historic Knowledge

Viking history & culture
Anglo-Saxon history & culture
Old English Language

RECOGNITION

Society of Illustrators Student
Scholarship Competition 2022
ACCD Student Gallery 2022