

LIZ VAN VERTH

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Animation, motion graphics, and digital media experience, 20+ years

Teaching and public speaking experience, 15+ years

Mentoring and art direction, 10+ years

Leadership and management experience, 7 years

SKILLS

Animation/Character Animation

Autodesk Maya

Blender

Adobe Creative Suite

Toon Boom Harmony

Motion Graphics

Compositing

Storyboarding

DZED Dragonframe

Final Cut Pro

Chaos Group Vray

Drawing/Illustration

Design

Leadership/Directing

Film/Video production

EDUCATION

PRATT INSTITUTE, Brooklyn, NY

Master of Fine Arts, Digital Arts Dept and Pratt Institute Honors

Major: Digital Arts

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, Syracuse, NY

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Cum Laude

Major: Illustration

HARVEST WORKS, New York, NY

MAX/MSP/Jitter Certificate

Focus: Integration of Interactive and 3D technologies

GOBELINS, L'ECOLE DE L'IMAGE, Paris, France

Summer Intensive Certificate

Focus: Character Animation

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2022-Present

KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY, Kutztown, PA

Assistant Professor, Applied Arts

Responsibilities include:

- Instruction of intro and advanced 3D animation courses
- Curriculum development
- Program Coordinator
- Club advisor

2020-22 SUNY FREDONIA, Fredonia, NY

Lecturer, Animation/Illustration

Responsibilities include:

- Instruction of intro and intermediate animation courses, 3D modeling & animation, & upper-level animation/illustration courses including Capstone
- Advising
- 24 Credit Hour Portfolio Review

2019-20 MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY, Montclair, NJ

Adjunct Instructor, Animation

Responsibilities include:

- Instruction of Animation Production, Advanced 3D Animation, & Intro to Animation/Illustration courses

2014-19 NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Sanborn, NY

Program Coordinator and Instructor of Animation

2018 Nominee for SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching

Responsibilities include:

- Instruction of 2D & 3D animation production curriculum (20 students/class)
- Program and curriculum development
- Hiring and supervision of adjunct instructors, technical assistants, and student workers (10/year)
- Recruitment, networking, and marketing (300% increase in enrollment)
- Mentoring and directing student Capstone Animation Projects (12-15/year)
- Supervision and development of lab equipment and software
- Club and Student Senate advisor

2007-12 KANSAS CITY ART INSTITUTE, Kansas City, MO

Assistant Professor of Animation

Responsibilities include:

- Instruction of 3D digital animation curriculum (15 students per class)
- Curriculum development
- Mentoring and directing senior projects (20-30 students/year)
- Supervision of lab and student workers

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019 WNED, Buffalo, NY

2D freelance animator for Mental Health Collaborative

Responsibilities include:

- Art direction
- 2D digital animation and design
- Compositing

2012-14 LOCUST STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ART CLASSES, Buffalo, NY

Executive Director of non-profit visual arts organization

Responsibilities include:

- Restructuring, streamlining, and professionalizing the organization
- Hiring, management, and supervision of staff and volunteers (15 staff, 10-20 volunteers)
- Programming, development, and instruction of art classes (addition of animation program)
- Curation and supervision of onsite and off-site art exhibitions
- Grant writing and fundraising
- Recruitment and marketing
- Bookkeeping, payroll, and budgeting
- Networking and collaborating with local cultural groups

1995-07 NBC STUDIOS, New York, NY

Broadcast graphic artist for Dateline NBC, Nightly News, and Today Show

Responsibilities include:

- Production of show opens, lower thirds, medical animations, and reenactment animations
- 3D animation, modeling, lighting and rendering

- 2D animation, compositing, and digital illustration

2008 TEAM V CREATIVE, Los Angeles, CA

3D freelance animator for Bobby Jones® golf equipment

Responsibilities include:

- Modeling golf clubs to scale
- Naturalistic lighting and rendering
- Demonstration of durability with animation and particle effects

2005 BETTY KIRKE, CONSERVATOR, New York, NY

3D freelance animator for *Pattern 3* by Madeline Vionnet for promotion of pattern book and companion DVD

Responsibilities include:

- Modeling fabric and pattern to scale
- Animation to demonstrate the simplicity and ease of the pattern
- Final design, compositing, lighting and rendering

2002 MTV ON-AIR GRAPHCS, New York, NY

Freelance broadcast graphic artist for *Real World Meets Road Rules*

Responsibilities include:

- Animation, compositing, and design

EXHIBITIONS

LOCUST STREET ART, BUFFALO, NY

Visual Notes, a retrospective exhibition from Locust Street Art's annual sketching trips. Featuring *Rapids Above Niagara Falls*, pastel on paper.

HERITAGE DISCOVERY CENTER, BUFFALO, NY

Along the Buffalo River exhibition of artwork created from the Buffalo River area. Featuring *Train Tracks*, acrylic on canvas and *Electric*, charcoal on paper.

SQUEAKY WHEEL, BUFFALO, NY

2012 Members Show featuring *Par Avion*

ART SOUNDS, KC, MO

Untitled-1: animation and performance collaboration with musician, Mauricio Salguero, using the animation as musical notation for live performers.

LEEDY-VOULKOS ART CENTER, KC, MO

Participated in 'Her Art: Who Does She Think She Is?' group show. Updated and adapted 'Nonyana' from Art Sounds which was projected in the space.

ART SOUNDS, KC, MO

Nonyana: 3D animation of the African Domba Dance as part of a collaboration with musicians, Blas Gonzalez and Ya Ting Liou of the Pangea Piano Project. Included a dual channel display and music performed live.

PRATT MANHATTAN GALLERY, NY, NY

3D animation demonstrating a complex dress pattern by Madeline Vionnet for the Pratt Manhattan Gallery show *Cut and Construction*

FILM FESTIVALS

ALICE (2021)

Golden Bee International Children's Film Festival

New Dehli, India

FLOW Festival, Award Winner

Sunrise, Florida

Front Range Kids Film Festival

Lafayette, CO

Dumbo Film Festival, Semi-Finalist

Brooklyn, NY

Boston International Kids Film Festival

Boston, MA

Woodstock Film Festival

Woodstock, NY

Brooklyn International Film Festival KidsFilmFest

Brooklyn, NY

ASIFA East Animation Festival

NY, NY

Children Short Film Festival

London/Paris

Award, Best Storyboard

KIDS FIRST! Film Festival

Santa Fe, NM

Nenagh Children's Film Festival

Nenagh, Ireland

San Diego International Kids' Film Festival

San Diego, CA

Flickers' Rhode Island International Film Festival, semi-finalist

Providence, RI

PAR AVION (2007)

Amsterdam Short Film Festival

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Montreal International Animation Film Festival –ANIMAZE

Montreal, Canada

Buffalo Niagara International Film Festival

Tonawanda, NY

Kansas City Filmmaker's Jubilee

Kansas City, MO

San Francisco Women's Film Festival

San Francisco, CA

Short Short Story Film Festival

Heartstring Award

Providence, RI

NYC ACM SIGGRAPH METROCAF

New York, NY

Rhode Island International Film Festival

Providence, RI

Brooklyn International Film Festival KidsFilmFest

Brooklyn, NY

RESIDENCIES

Small Pond Arts - 2017

Prince Edward County, Ontario, Canada

MEMBERSHIPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

ASIFA East

Secretary since 2023

Board member since 2019

WIA NYC

Member since 2018

Leadership team 2019-21

The Graphic Artist Guild

Member since 2019