

Jessica Ma

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Objective

Dedicated and conscientious visual artist with over 10 years of experience across digital entertainment, creative projects, and higher education. Skilled in collaboration, communication, and creative problem-solving. Seeking an entry-level position to apply artistic and organizational abilities in a new industry. Strong team player with proven multitasking skills and a commitment to achieving employer goals and objectives.

Education

Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) — BFA in Animation and Illustration

Aug 2023 - May 2026

Scholarships: Competitive Scholarship, Delegate Courtney Watson Maryland Legislative District 9B Scholarship, Senator Katie Fry Hester Scholarship

Howard Community College, Maryland — AA in General Studies and Visual Arts

Aug 2020 - May 2023

Dean's List / Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Projects

2D Animation Film — Facade (2025)

Explored themes of perception and hidden identity through a narrative animation about a princess who discovers her monstrous reflection. Utilized color contrast, timing, and pacing to emphasize the transformation between beauty and horror while refining animation through added in-betweens for smoother motion and natural reaction.

2D Animation Music Video — Overdose (2025)

A 3-minute music video about a girl who is trapped in her imagination and struggling to move on from her past. She attempts to find a way to go forward by living in the present moment.

2D Animation Film — Flushed But Not Forgotten (2024)

A collaborative 4-minute animation about Gilbert, who mistakenly flushed his fish, Luigi. In his desperate attempt to make amends, he summons Luigi's spirit in an unusual séance with two of his friends.

Independent Animator, 2D Animated Short Film — ALINA (2024)

Produced an independent 12-minute animatic film about a female named Alina, who was a goddess until God banished her from heaven due to her spoiled nature. She was sent to earth as punishment in order to improve her morals. Developed characters, backgrounds, and storyboards. Produced with color, voice acting, ambiance, and foley to compose a final piece.

Skills

Visual Development:

Animating, Storyboarding, Environment and Background Art, Design Research, Character Design, Color Theory

Software:

Procreate, Procreate Dreams, Syncsketch, RoughAnimator, Toon Boom, Blender, Clip Studio, TVPaint, AdobeSuite (Photoshop, Audition, Adobe Animate, Illustrator, Premiere Pro), Microsoft Office, and Wacom Tablet, Mac/Windows Platform

Professional:

Excellent communication, multitasker, service skills, organization, speed learner, willingness to learn, open to work both in group and independent environments

Experience

Café June, Ellicott, MD - Barista

Jul 2025 - Present

As a team member at Café June, I prepare and serve coffee, tea, smoothies, and breakfast items. I operate the POS system, handle transactions, and assist customers with orders and menu questions. I also help clean, restock supplies, and support daily operations. I contribute to maintaining a friendly, creative, and welcoming atmosphere in the café.

Postal & Print Services, Baltimore, MD - Workstudy

Jan 2024 - Present

Color and black & white printing. Copies from paper or electronic originals. Laminating. Local, long-distance, and international faxing services. Variety of shipping and paper supplies. Mail delivery and pick-up.

Black Blossoms Production (Remote) - Character Artist

Sept 2024 – Feb 2025

Development of characters involving depicting action, expression, anatomy, and attire from many viewpoints in order to define and materialize them.

Nothing Bundt Cakes, Columbia, MD - Froster

Aug 2022 – Jan 2023

Follows NBC proprietary frosting recipe and application methods with precision and awareness, productivity goals. Effectively utilizes measuring instruments, commercial-grade or handheld mixer, and pastry bag to frost cakes. Prioritizes cake pre-orders according to schedule and frosts cakes for walk-in guest orders accordingly. Adheres to the proper packaging, labeling, and storage of frosted cakes as well as product rotation standards. Monitors inventory of frosting supplies and notifies management when replenishment is required.

Awards & Acknowledgments

Competitive Scholarship 2025

Stick in the Dirt Animation Festival Sound Design 2025

Dean's List: 2023–Present

Delegate Courtney Watson Scholarship, 2023–Present

Senator Katie Fry Hester Scholarship, 2023–2026

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, 2022–2023

National Art Society, 2018–2020