

JESSICA MA

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Objective

Dedicated and conscientious visual artist and 2D animator with a BFA from MICA. Proven track record in digital animation, character design, and collaborative storytelling. Seeking an entry-level position to apply artistic, technical, and organizational skills in a dynamic creative environment.

EDUCATION

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

Aug 2023 - May 2026

Scholarships: MICA Departmental Recognition Award: Animation, Neil H'17 & Sayra Meyerhoff Endowed Scholarship, 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

ONE MORE ORDER (2026) - Art Director

One More Order is a fast-paced, comedic short that throws viewers into the chaos of a busy café shift, where orders pile up, drinks get mixed, and exhaustion sets in, only for the main character to discover the rush never truly ends. Through humor and exaggeration, the film highlights the frantic energy, absurd requests, and relentless cycle of service work.

Facade (2025) - 2D Animator

A 2D animated short about a monster disguised as a princess: as she walks through a castle, a mirror reveals her true identity, using strong visual storytelling to explore themes of identity and perception.

Flushed But Not Forgotten (2024) - 2D Animator and Voice Actor

It's a collaborative four-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.

SKILLS

Visual Development:

Animating, Storyboarding, Sound Design, Editing, Background Art, Design Research, Character Design, and Color Theory.

Software

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

Professional

Creative animator and Illustrator with excellent communication and multitasking skills. A collaborative team player and fast learner who adapts quickly to independent or group environments with close attention to detail.

EXPERIENCE

Starbucks, Columbia, MD - Barista

July 2026 - Present

High energy service professional with a track record of delivering warm, personalized customer experiences in fast paced environments, combining precise order crafting and strict operational adherence with dependable teamwork to support dynamic store needs.

2D Animator for Children's Series, Remote - Freelancer

Feb 2026 - July 2026

Developed original story concepts and expressive 2D animation tailored to young audiences by translating musical timing and mood into visual narratives. Designed all characters, backgrounds, and props while collaborating with the production team to ensure each piece aligned with the creative direction.

Cafe June, Ellicott, MD - Barista

Jul 2025 - July 2026

Efficiently prepare and serve specialty drinks and breakfast items while managing POS transactions and customer inquiries. Actively maintain inventory, clean facilities, and foster a welcoming, creative cafe atmosphere.

Awards & Acknowledgments

MICA Departmental Recognition Award: Animation (2026)
Neil H'17 & Sayra Meyerhoff Endowed Scholarship (2026)
Stick in the Dirt Animation Festival: Sound Design Award (2025)
Competitive Scholarship (2025)
MICA 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)