

AKARI JOHNSTON

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EDUCATION

Otis College of Art and Design | Los Angeles, California

Bachelor of Fine Arts in animation, minor in creative writing

Culver City High School | Culver City, California

Ryman Arts Program graduate, Academy of Visual and Performing Arts alum

EXPERIENCE

Animated Film Producer | April 2024-Current

Coyote and Badger Film, Remote | Los Angeles, CA

- Producer for the animated film Coyote and Badger, working with a crew of 15
- Character design lead and background layout/paint

Animated Film Producer/Director | June 2023-Current

Studio Candlewick, Remote | Los Angeles, CA

- Producing and directing an animated short film, leading a team of 15 people
- Focusing mainly on narrative, storyboard, animation and art direction

Ryman Arts Teaching Assistant | September 2023-Current

Ryman Arts | Los Angeles, CA

- Substitute teaching assistant for the Ryman Arts program
- Providing critique and direction for the work of high schoolers in the program
- Filing artwork and keeping track of finished tasks of week-to-week activities

Be The Change Artist | May 2023

Skirball Cultural Center/Nature Nexus Institute | Los Angeles, CA

- Ideated and created an art installment for the Skirball Cultural Center's Be the Change public art project with a small team of five other artists and creatives.
- Designed the interior of the Nature Nexus Institute's environmental justice tzedakah that was installed at Plummer park in West Hollywood.

SKILLS

Proficient:

Adobe Photoshop, Adobe After Effects, Storyboard Pro, background layout, Note Taking, Google Suite (Docs, Drive, Slides, Sheets), Procreate, Krita

Intermediate:

Autodesk Maya, Adobe Indesign, Toon Boom Harmony, script writing, Graphic design, Microsoft Suite (Powerpoint, Word, Excel)

Other skills:

Conversational Japanese, Public Speaking, Teamwork, Project Management

