

SHIR BARON

Character Animator

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EDUCATION

Ringling College of Art & Design, Sarasota, FL, BFA Computer Animation, Minor: Film Studies, August 2016 – May 2020.

ANIMATION / ART EXPERIENCE

Animation Intern, Riot Games, CA, June 2020 – August 2020

- Animated on a variety of new champions (creatures and humanoid), focusing on body mechanics, strong posing and readable silhouettes.
- Was assigned to an animation mentor for each of the three champions I worked on.
- Developed and established new champions' personalities and styles with teams of creatives.

Animator, *The Slide*, Tel-Aviv, Israel, June 2020 – Present

- Animated main shots for the stylized short film *The Slide* - a picture-book/stop motion inspired style, animated on 2's.

IT Technical Assistant, Ringling College of Art & Design, FL, March 2020 – May 2020

- Provided after-hours technical support during RCAD's transition to online studies following COVID-19.
- Troubleshoot technical issues including corrupted files, rendering issues, program installation and more.

Animator/Director, *The Train to Qinling*, Ringling College of Art & Design, FL, August 2016 – May 2020

- Wrote, directed and executed all aspects of the 2.5-minute short film, *The Train to Qinling*.
- Animated multiple characters, while focusing on genuine and believable performances.
- Introduced Advanced Skeleton rigging system to the Computer Animation faculty and helped implement it into the course curriculum.

Animation/CG Generalist Intern, Hasbro - Cake Mix, RI, June 2019 – August 2020

- Created fully animated 3D commercials and sizzles promoting Hasbro toy brands.
- Animated, modeled, textured and rigged a variety of known characters such as Optimus Prime, Mr. Monopoly and Star Wars' D-O.
- Developed stories and generated promotional entertainment ideas for incoming products.

Animation Intern, CookieByte Entertainment, Israel, May 2018 – August 2018

- Created several in-game animations and implemented them into the game using Unity.
- Was introduced to MEL scripting and wrote basic scripts.
- Contributed to the design team, provided insight and feedback on designs, stylistic choices and execution.

HONORS & AWARDS

- **Film Festivals:** *The Train to Qinling* thesis film won many film festival awards. Some of the titles include Oniros "Best Animation," Independent Short Awards "Platinum for Best Animation," LAFA "Best Director" Honorable Mention and more.
- **Rookie of the Year 2020 - 3D Animation - Highly Commended:** Awarded as one of the very best entries for highest level of achievement.
- **ASIFA-Hollywood's Animation Educators Forum Student Scholar,** Received a substantial grant for *The Train to Qinling* short film pitch.
- **President's List Award,** Excellency in academic studies.
- **Best of Ringling,** Multiple animation projects selected for Best of Ringling Exhibition.
- **Dean Scholar,** Outstanding Application.

LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEERISM

Computer Animation Head Mentor, RCAD, FL, Feb 2018 – June 2020

- Led the Computer Animation Mentorship program, trained and guided over 20 mentors and directly mentored three sophomore students.
- Assisted underclassmen with time management skills, handling stress, professional habits and social connection with upperclassmen.

Hillel President, RCAD, FL, May 2017 – Present

- Coordinated cultural events such as Shabbat dinners, holidays and more.

Arts & Crafts Instructor for Non-Verbal Special Needs Children, September 2009 – July 2010 & August 2017 – August 2018

- Led Arts & Crafts programs for children with special needs through both the YEA program and "Merkaz Shapira" NPO.

First Lieutenant, Israel Defense Forces, February 2011 – April 2014

- Created Database files to improve the quality of work in two different positions.
- Supported soldiers who were victims of sexual harassment, abusive families and relationships, and unintentional pregnancies.
- Commanded and guided soldiers in a variety of leading positions up to groups of 50 soldiers.

SKILLS

- **Fluent** in Hebrew and English, Certified English-Hebrew translator.
- **Proficient:** Maya, Arnold, Photoshop, Zbrush, Premiere, Procreate, Substance Painter, Nuke, XGen.
- **Basic Knowledge:** mGear, 3D-Coat, Marvelous Designer, V-Ray Renderer, Illustrator.
- **Familiar with:** Scripting (C#, Mel), Unity and Unreal Engine 4.