

## Education

School of the Art  
Institute of Chicago  
(SAIC)

Bachelor of Fine Arts,  
Puppet Animation  
and Screenwriting

## Selected Awards

USA Climbing  
Collegiate Ambassador  
2024

SAIC Graduating  
Student Leadership  
Award  
2024

Time Warp Weekend  
Best Special Effects,  
Ex TV  
2023

SAIC Artist and  
Leadership Award  
2022

The National  
Association of Women  
Artists Scholarship  
2020

SAIC Creative Honors  
Scholarship  
2020

## Tools

- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint)
- Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Premiere Pro, After Effects, Audition)
- Blender
- ToonBoom Storyboard Pro
- DSLR Cameras
- Light Kits

# Carmela Murphy

Stop Motion Animation | Post Production | Screenwriting

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## Films

**"A Bird Hit My Window and Now I'm a Lesbian,"** Chicago, IL | 2022 – 2024

- Co-Director and writer on an eight minute stop motion short film currently in the festival circuit. The trailer can be found [here](#).
- Lead for set design, lighting, and post production. Responsible for distribution.

**Climbing and Creativity: World Less Travel Award,** Chicago, IL | 2024

- Selected for award that supports travel for research and creative opportunities
- Currently in pre-production to make an animated documentary about climbing and creativity in Monterrey, Mexico

## Selected Work Experience

**Art Director, First Ascent Climbing,** Chicago, IL | 2023

- Led a team of eight to produce a tape mural covering 1,600 sq ft of wall space for a rock climbing competition, "Black Light Boulder Bash."
- Effectively managed and motivated a team while prioritizing the tight deadline

**Youth Instructor and Hospitality Staff, First Ascent Climbing,** Chicago, IL | 2021 – 2024

- "Embarc Facilitator": Lead diverse youth and young adult outreach programs, utilizing movement as a tool for empowerment to drive racial educational equity and justice through experiential learning
- Led various private and group classes and worked as desk hospitality staff

## Leadership

**Founder and President, SAIC Climbing Club,** Chicago, IL | 2022 – 2024

- Founded a bouldering and rope climbing club at SAIC, the school's largest club with nearly 300 members
- [Founded and coached the SAIC Climbing Team](#), SAIC's only recognized sports team
- Wrote proposals and managed budgets, securing over \$50,000 in funding
- Advertised the club through channels such as Instagram, Tik Tok, and Discord as well as monthly marketing booths and distributing club merchandise
- Planned and managed weekly meetings, competition trips, movie nights, and outdoor trips, while coordinating with administration to facilitate an inclusive environment

**Selected Student for Presidential Search SAIC,** Chicago, IL | Fall 2023

- One of eight students selected to help choose the next president of SAIC
- Attended five interviews and gave feedback on each candidate

**Orientation Leader, SAIC,** Chicago, IL | 2022 – 2024

- Led a group of 20 first year students through the city of Chicago and SAIC's campus to help familiarize themselves with their new home
- Created positive influence on new student transition through peer advising and problem solving