

Carmela Murphy

Stop Motion Animation | Fabrication | Screenwriting | Post-production

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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

Films

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

- Director, writer, and production designer on an eight minute stop motion short film
- The trailer can be found [here](#) and has over 1.4 million views on Instagram
- Festivals include: American Documentary and Animation Film Festival, MixBrasil Festival De Cultura Da Diversidade, DC Independent Film Festival, Image+Nation Montreal, Brighton International Animation Festival, Oxford Film Festival

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