


Carmela Murphy

Stop Motion Animator | Puppet Fabricator | Screenwriter

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Education

School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC)

Bachelor of Fine Arts,
Puppet Animation
and Screenwriting

Expected Graduation
May 2024

Awards

World Less
Traveled 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

Michael Colby
Scholarship
2020

Extensive experience designing and fabricating sets and puppets. Passionate about community involvement, well-organized, and detail-oriented. Experience collaborating and working in groups. Strong problem-solving, communication, and listening skills. Extensive experience designing and fabricating sets and puppets.

Relevant Coursework

✿ Puppet Animation and Fabrication

Skills Acquired: armature and puppet fabrication, cinematography, and movement

✿ Mold Making and Casting

Skills Acquired: mold making foundations, plastic face replacement construction, puppet body fabrication with latex, plaster molds, and expandable foam

✿ Scenography and Set Design

Skills Acquired: set design and lighting principals in relation to puppet animation

✿ Writing and Directing for Animation

Skills Acquired: art direction image illustration, treatment writing, animation pitches

Thesis Film

"A Bird Hit My Window and Now I'm a Lesbian," Chicago, IL | 2023 – present

- Co-Director and writer on upcoming seven minute stop motion short film
- Lead set designer, mold maker, set fabricator and dresser, lighting designer
- Co-Collaborator on puppets, cinematography, props

Professional Experience

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

- "Embarc Facilitator": Leads diverse youth and young adult outreach programs, utilizing movement as a tool for empowerment to drive racial educational equity and justice through experiential learning
- Welcomes new and experienced climbers to the gym, facilitates orientations, and certifies use of climbing equipment
- Reacts quickly to customer needs, including but not limited to, personal injuries and other emergencies

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

Orientation Leader, SAIC, Chicago, IL | 2022 – present

- Leads a group of 20 students through the city of Chicago to help familiarize themselves with their new home
- Creates positive influence on new student transition through peer advising and problem solving

Tools

- ✿ Silicone Casting
- ✿ Mold Making
- ✿ Dragonframe
- ✿ Blender
- ✿ DSLR Cameras
- ✿ Light Kits
- ✿ Woodworking
- ✿ Cinematography
- ✿ Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Premiere Pro, After Effects, Audition)

Film Festivals

Time Warp Weekend, Chicago, IL | 2023

- 48 hour collaborative filmmaking challenge in which competitors must adhere to a specific prompt, ending in a juried screening
- Short Film "Tentacle Juice" won Best Special Effects

ExFest, Chicago, IL | 2022

- Excepted into the curated and juried film festival featuring stop motion short "Worm"

CAN TV, Chicago, IL | 2022

- Short film "Worm" selected to be broadcasted on CAN TV, Chicago's Public Access Station

Community Involvement and Accomplishments

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

- Founded a bouldering and rope climbing club at SAIC, currently SAIC's largest club with nearly 300 members and growing
- Organizes budget and proposals, and has secured over \$40,000 funding for group activities
- Plans weekly meetings, movie nights, and outdoor trips to facilitate a safe and inclusive environment
- Founded the SAIC Climbing Team, a group of 40 students who train to compete in USA Climbing competitions
- Trains and Leads a team of 6 students to help run different aspects of the club

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

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

Student Artist, SAIC Art Sale, Chicago, IL | 2021 – present

- Designs, constructs, and sells knitwear, fiber arts, and prints
- Curates visual merchandising to engage and attract customers
- Actively engages with consumers and fosters relationships

Media Recognition

Conquering New Heights, SAIC Magazine, 2023

- saic.edu/news/conquering-new-heights

Caring Climbing Collaborating, F News Magazine, 2023

- fnewsmagazine.com/2023

National Association of Women Artists, Newburyport Daily News, 2020

- newburyportnews.com

Micheal Colby Art Scholarship, Micheal Colby, 2020

- michaelcolbyartscholarship.com