



# ADRIEL MEKA

illustrator animator visual development artist

## Profile

Bonjour! My name is Adriel! I'm a Canadian-American published artist and filmmaker. I recently graduated with an MFA in animation from USC. My love of film and illustration met at the crossroads of animation and I've since been able to work with some amazing companies like Disney, Nickelodeon, and Sony. My ultimate goal is to work in vis-dev, production design, and art direction in the animation industry, using elements of story telling to create, captivate, and inspire

## Skills

- Illustration
- Character Animation
- Visual Development
- Storyboarding
- Art Direction

- Character Design
- Music Production
- Leadership/Directing
- Languages: English • French

## Honors & Awards

- 2021 BIBA Best Indie Book Award for Children's Encouragement
- 2021 Book of the Year Award The Independent Author Network - Childrens Illustrated Finalist
- 2016 Procreate App Honorable Mention
- SCAD Deans List 2014 - 2018

## Experience

- (Jun 2023 - Sep 2023) **Walt Disney Television Animation**  
Animation Intern Artist at Disney TVA on ongoing Marvel animation series "Moon Girl And Devil Dinosaur". Responsible for assisting the art team with various tasks such as character designs, layout, and background art for use on the production.
- (Jun 2021 - Sep 2022) **Nickelodeon Animation** Production intern & Asset Production Assistant assigned to the TV shows "Bubble Guppies" and "Monster High." Responsible for assisting the production team with various tasks as well as shadowing the staff, managing scripts, observing creative art direction meetings, story pitches, and gaining exposure to the studio workflow.
- (Oct 2020 - Nov 2020) **Slam Magazine** Worked as a freelance filmmaker on a collaborative animation project between Slam and Vote4Me to create short film promoting voting for the 2020 election.
- (Feb 2020 - Apr 2020) **I Am a Triathlete Children's Book** Worked as Lead Artist/Designer and Art Director on the multi-award winning independently-published children's book written by Nia Obotette responsible for all visual elements of the project.
- (Dec 2018 - Jan 2020) **Apple** Team Creative working to provide product based knowledge and design based seminars. This includes giving in-depth classes, demos, and sessions on site at Apple on the subjects such as "Drawing and Designing with Procreate."
- (Jan 2018 - Mar 2018) **Sony Pictures Animation & Mitú** Background Matte Painter on a team working to illustrate shot-by-shot backgrounds for the Sony and Mitú short film "Al Otro Lado" directed and produced by Nadine Promes.

## Education

- (2020 - 2023) **University of Southern California** M.F.A in Animation and Digital Arts from the USC Hensch DADA School of Cinematic Arts. Anticipated graduation May 2023
- (2014 - 2018) **Savannah College of Art and Design** Graduated Deans List and Magna Cum Laude with a B.F.A degree in Animation and a minor in Industrial Design

## Organizations & Affiliations

**POV Persistence of Visionaries USC Graduate Club** Social Chairman of the MFA Animation Student Government, responsible for planning/hosting department-wide events, mixers, and info sessions

**USC School of Cinematic Arts SA** Worked as an SA (Student Assistant) to professors in the USC Animation program for courses such as Character Design Workshop and Intro to 3D Animation



### Let's Connect!

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### Published Work

#### I Am a Triathlete

Written by Nia Obotette Illustrated by Adriel Meka

#### Gary & The Great Inventors

Written by Akura Marshall Illustrated by Adriel Meka

#### Kulu the Wise Turtle

Written by Akura Marshall Illustrated by Adriel Meka

#### Shoutout LA & Voyage LA

Key Features on Artist Spotlight Interviews



### Software

- Ma Autodesk Maya
- Pro Procreate
- C4D Cinema 4D
- Ae After Effects
- Ps Photoshop
- Tv TV Paint
- Lo Logic Pro X
- Ai Illustrator