



Melissa Perry

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Profile

Creative and versatile artist with enthusiasm for puppet fabrication and visual arts. Hardworking and dedicated craftsman who seamlessly blends artistic vision with technical precision to bring whimsical characters and captivating narratives to life. Equipped with a diverse background in visual arts, ranging from traditional techniques to digital mediums, enhancing the ability to infuse creativity into every facet of puppetry. Thrives in collaborative environments, fostering innovative ideas, and an understanding of the importance of teamwork in delivering unforgettable artistic experiences.

Experience

FREELANCE PROP AND PUPPET FABRICATOR; ECHO PARK – 2022 - PRESENT

Create miniature props and puppets for independent clients and studios using a variety of materials. Designs will be featured in short films that are currently being shot.

ASSISTANT PUPPET FABRICATOR, APT. D; BURBANK – 2021

Assisted with making a stop-motion puppet for Cartoon Network's Middlemost Post. Made wire armatures. Sculpted the arms, hands, and feet. Assisted with making molds.

PUPPET FABRICATOR, VIVA LA PUPPET; LOS ANGELES – 2021

Made a hand-rod baboon puppet for a Meta/Facebook commercial. Used a variety of materials to create the look of a Henri Rousseau painting coming to life.

PUPPET FABRICATOR, BUCK DESIGN; LOS ANGELES – 2021

Worked closely with lead fabricator to create three stop-motion puppets and props for a series of Cricket Wireless commercials. Cleaned and maintained Elegoo Mars 3D printers. Made wire armatures, washed, sanded, and primed 3D prints for painting.

ART TEACHER ASSISTANT, HOLLYWOOD ARTS COUNCIL; SILVER LAKE – 2017

Assistant Art teacher for Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 4th graders. Projects ranged from air dry pinch pots to Frida Kahlo inspired self-portraits.

Education

Sketch to Screen Puppet Design, Aardman Academy, Zoom Class – 2020

Artist Intern for Tom Hester, North Hollywood – 2018-2019

Making + Meaning, Southern California Institute of Architecture, Los Angeles – 2016

BFA in Studio Art, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK – 2013