

Donavon Brutus

Motion Design. Illustration.
Art Direction.

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SUMMARY

Award winning Motion Designer and Illustrator with 15+ years of experience in TV, Film, Education, Environment, Marketing, Medical, and Tech. Excels at simplifying the complex, and discovering the beauty in the ordinary. Crafts compelling visuals by blending brand storytelling with engaging design to captivate audiences.

SKILLS

2D / 3D Animation • Illustration
• Art Direction • Public Art •
Modeling • Texturing • Rigging
• Rendering • Data Visualization •
Drawing • Sculpture • Editing
• Digital Asset Management • R&D
Graphic Design • Typography
• Compositing • Voiceover

SOFT SKILLS

Integrity • Ideation • Adaptability
• Organization • Prioritization
Effective Communication •
• Motivation • Teaching •
Client Relations

SOFTWARE

Maya • Adobe Illustrator
Photoshop • After Effects •
Premiere • Cinema 4D • Media
Encoder • Figma • Zbrush • Data
Wrapper • Microsoft / Google Suite

EDUCATION

International Academy of Design
and Technology - Tampa FL.

*Bachelors of Fine Arts in Computer
Animation*

WORK EXPERIENCE

Lead Motion Designer and Illustrator

Independent Contractor – Washington, DC. 10/2008 - Present

- Designed marketing collateral, brand identities for over 130+ companies worldwide, including Disney, Apple, Lifetime, and Johnson & Johnson
- Awarded 20+ public art commissions in 7 states from Times Square to murals, buses, airports, parks, and museums.
- Engaged global communities during Art Residency projects in Australia(2017), Kenya, Brazil, Joshua Tree Natl Park and Nepal (2022-2023).
- Animated projects for TV, film titles, education, music videos, social media, live events, and UI / UX product demos.
- Illustrated infographics, book/ editorial / album covers, technical products, architectural renderings, trade show displays.

3D Animator, Climate Team

Associated Press, 1 year contract – Washington, DC. 01/2024 – 01/2025

- Created 2D / 3D animations and infographics explaining complex climate and science topics for AP's 40+ million viewers.
- Collaborated with journalists on scripts and storytelling to increase impact of news reporting.
- Designed workflows for cross-functional teams, increasing efficiency and product quality.
- Performed voiceover narration for science videos.
- Skilled at rapid design and production of infographics and interactive maps for tight deadlines.

Lead Designer of Brand and Premium Content

Walt Disney, ABC7 KGO – San Francisco, CA. 07/2019 – 07/2022

- Earned 5 NorCal Emmy® Awards and 13 nominations over 3 years for leading branding graphics on promos and documentaries.
- Led design for 40+ fast-paced projects, collaborating with national teams improving brand consistency.
- Created 2D/3D motion graphics, illustrations, key art, and titles for TV, streaming, social, and physical displays that reached 2.7M+ views on YouTube alone.
- Provided art direction and training to 8 designers/editors.
- Boosted productivity across multiple departments by creating templates and optimizing file organization.

AWARDS

2023 – 1 Win, 52nd NORCAL EMMY® Awards in Graphic Arts Craft. CA

2022 – Finalist, Citizen Astronaut Program, Space for Humanity. CO

2022 – 3 Wins, 7 Nominations, 51st Annual NORCAL EMMY® Awards. CA

2022 Murrow Award Winner, ABC7 Digital Immersive Websites. CA

2021 – 3 Nominations, 50th Annual NORCAL EMMY® Awards. CA

2020 – 1 Win, 2 Nominations, 49th Annual NORCAL EMMY® Awards. CA

2018 – Winner of Best Picture for Story of Poo at Afro Comic Con Film Fest. CA

PUBLIC ART

2025, '21, '16, '14 - Featured in Embracing our Differences". Billboard Art Exhibit. FL

2023 Featured in Exhibit at the De Young Museum. CA

2022 – Winner, PSTA Bus Art Wrap "Diversity Moves Us" Contest. FL

2021 – Featured in Exhibit at the Walt Disney Family Museum. CA

2020 – Painted Mural at the Donatello Hotel via Paint the Void. CA

2019 – "Expedition Reef" shown at SIGGRAPH 2019 Animation Fest. CA

2018 – Winner, SF Beautiful MUNI Bus Artist. Eight illustrations on 20 buses. CA

2017 4 Animated Billboards in Times Square. Combined 14,000sf. NY

PUBLIC SPEAKING

2024 Presentation, Live. Aligning your Art with Your Purpose. Camp Mograph. IL

2023 Presentation, Live. Aligning your Art with Purpose. Kathmandu University. Latipur, Nepal

2022 Presentation, Live. Aligning your Art with Purpose. PechaKucha Nairobi. Nairobi, Kenya

2021 – Virtual Lecture at the Fort Smith Regional Art Museum. AR

2018 – Speaker, Film and TV panel at Afro Comic Con. CA

WORK EXPERIENCE

Motion Designer

California Academy of Sciences – San Francisco, CA. [03/2016 – 08/2018](#)

- Animated 2D/3D science, environment, and sustainability content distributed in classrooms across 195 countries, planetariums, and museums.
- Produced fundraising videos that generated over \$1.6 million in donations and amassed 875K+ YouTube views.
- Researched scientific topics to visualize complex concepts.
- Provided art direction, live action VFX supervision, led brainstorming sessions, and created workflows.
- Repurposed existing content into animated GIFs, boosting social media engagement.

Motion Designer

Bisk Education – Tampa, FL. [09/2014 - 02/2016](#)

- Produced educational 2D/3D animations used at 5 universities.
- Grew the creative team of animators, editors, and designers from 4 to 20 and trained new staff.
- Managed a creative team on a 600-video project, meeting tight deadlines.
- Developed file structures, templates and workflows to improve efficiency across 10 cross-functional teams.
- Designed infographics, storyboards, and style guides to ensure visual consistency.

Multimedia Designer

Tricycle Studios – Tampa, FL. [09/2010 - 09/2014](#)

- Created 2D/3D motion graphics and 3D medical animations for 30+ successful product launches for a Fortune 500 company.
- Collaborated both independently and within design teams, providing art direction, and innovative solutions.
- Designed 3D mock ups for trade shows, and live conferences.
- Developed layouts for print materials and mobile interactives.
- Cut and compressed videos for presentations, and social.

Motion Designer

Sunshine Learning Systems – Lutz, FL. [08/2010 - 10/2010](#)

Motion Designer / Editor

Sawmill Productions – Tampa, FL. [12/2009 – 02/2010](#)

Graphic Designer / Motion Graphics Artist Intern

The Spot Marketing – Tampa, FL. [07/2008 – 10/2008](#)

Illustration Intern

Rubens Art Studio – Tampa, FL. [10/2006 – 02/2007](#)