



# ASTRAL CHICKEN ANIMATION

Art + Design by Sarah Carmichael

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## ABOUT SARAH

Multifaceted 2D Animator with 10 years of professional experience in animation, cleanup, and motion graphics across entertainment, education, and marketing. Expert in Toon Boom Harmony and Adobe After Effects, with a strong background in both cut-out and traditional 2D animation. Proven success collaborating with cross-disciplinary teams to deliver high-quality, on-model animation for television, film, and digital media.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Lastinger Center for Learning - University of Florida

Animation Specialist  
March 2024 - Present  
Gainesville, Florida

- Lead animator for various educational modules featuring character, text, and motion graphic animations.
- Lead animator of Spanish language video modules.
- Helped improve video production pipeline using entertainment industry best practices.
- Collaborated with animators, editors, and videographers to create educational videos.

### Spindlehorse Toons

Cleanup Artist  
January 2021 - Present  
Remote

- Performed detailed cleanup of rough animation, maintaining consistent on-model character integrity.
- Animated evolving assets and fine details such as patterns, gradients, freckles, etc.
- Rendered, organized, and packaged final animation files for compositing.
- Projects include: Helluva Boss, Helluva Shorts, Hazbin Hotel S1

### Astral Chicken Animation LLC

Freelance Artist  
Sole Proprietor  
October 2019 - Present  
Remote

- Animated client logos, storyboards, and promotional visuals.
- Designed signage and illustrative works for businesses and private clients.
- Managed project timelines, client revisions, and invoicing.
- Provided cleanup services for Independent animation productions, including "Lumi and the Great Big Galaxy" and "Submersed".

### Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Digital Media Specialist  
July 2023 - Present  
Gainesville, Florida

- Served as lead webmaster for FDACS websites, implementing edits and new content.
- Worked closely with the State of Florida's web services department to ensure all website information was properly displayed and implemented.
- Coordinated with scientists and department heads across the state to ensure the most up-to-date research and best practices were displayed on websites and PDFs.

### Apartment D

Animator  
September 2023  
Remote

- Animated character puppets in After Effects using storyboards and director's notes.
- Created 2.5D effects through camera animation and parallax.
- Provided revisions and maintained stylistic consistency across shots.

## The Meet Group

Freelance Animator  
Feb 2022 - April 2023  
Remote

- Used After Effects to create animated stickers for use in dating and streaming apps.
- Drafted unique concepts, assets, and storyboards for each sticker.
- Packaged assets for integration across mobile platforms, meeting strict size, file type, and performance requirements.
- Coordinated with remote artists across the country on a weekly basis.

## Apartment D

Character Animator  
Sept 2022 - Oct 2022  
Remote

- Assisted in completion of two Jurassic World music videos within a tight timeline.
- Animated character puppets in After Effects, closely following storyboards.
- Matched animation style to each toy's range of motion and design.
- Worked closely with compositing artist to align and finalize shots.

## Confidential Cartoon Studios

Cleanup Artist  
Nov 2021 - Dec 2021  
Remote

- Led line cleanup for a high-profile NFT music video project.
- Focused on creating clean line art of all character and prop animation.
- Delivered organized, production-ready assets for coloring and compositing.

## Mighty Studio

2D Cut-Out Animator  
July 2021 - Sept 2021  
Remote

- Character animator for "The Boys Presents: Diabolical; Episode 2".
- Animated complex character rigs in Toon Boom Harmony and built additional assets.
- Coordinated animation revisions and feedback with international teams in English and Spanish.

## Apartment D

Character Rigger + Animator  
June 2021 - Aug 2021  
Remote

- Created and tested character rigs using DUIK Bassel in After Effects.
- Animated puppet characters with accurate physicality and stylized exaggeration.
- Developed walk, run, and dance cycles for quadrupeds.

## Optym

Motion Graphics Artist  
June 2017 - July 2021  
Gainesville, FL; Coppel, TX

- Created motion graphics, character animation, rigged character puppets, UI animations, illustrations, and explainer videos for software marketing.
- Collaborated with designers and developers to accurately represent product features.
- Led storyboarding and animatic development for previsualization.
- Coordinated with Videographer to catalog, stabilize, and color correct footage.

## UF Digital Worlds Institute

After Effects Animator  
Jan 2016 - May 2017  
Gainesville, FL

- Used Toon Boom Harmony to animate character puppets for interactive videos.
- Animated educational videos in both English and Spanish for the Early Learning Florida educational initiative.
- Produced compositing, editing, and sound work for final renders.

## SKILLS

**Animation:** Toon Boom Harmony, Adobe Animate, After Effects, Storyboard Pro

**Design & Illustration:** Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Clip Studio Paint Pro

**3D & Rigging:** Maya, Spine, C4D, DUIK Bassel

**Production Tools:** Premiere, Media Encoder, Overlord, Boddymovin, Joysticks & Sliders

**Collaboration:** Discord, Slack, Teams, Smartsheet, SharePoint, Google Suite, Microsoft Office, Obsidian

# EDUCATION

## Savannah College of Art and Design

Sept 2011 - May 2015

Cum Laude

Dean's List Recipient

Savannah, Georgia

### **Bachelor of Fine Arts - Animation**

- Received instruction in 2D and 3D animation from industry professionals.
- Areas of interest during enrollment include: quadruped animation, 2D production, character design, 2D effects animation, storyboarding, and character animation.

# LANGUAGES

English - Native Proficiency

Spanish - Native Proficiency

# ACHIEVEMENTS

## 2024

- Part of the crew of *Hazbin Hotel*, which had one of the biggest series premieres in the history of Amazon Prime. Series and all episodes trended in the Top 10 Worldwide on Amazon and Spotify for several weeks.
- *Helluva Boss* was nominated for a Queerty award for Best Web Series.

## 2023

- Streamy Award for Best Animated Series earned as part of "Helluva Boss" crew
- *Helluva Boss* released *S1EP8*, a collaboration with famous pop singer Ke\$ha
- Member of "Bento Banana 404" crew. Short was featured at the following festivals
  - Cannes World Film Festival
  - Indie X Film Fest
  - New Media Film Festival

## 2022

- "The Boys Presents: Diabolical" nominated for Primetime Emmy

## 2019

- Gold and Silver Addy Awards earned as part of the Optym Marketing Team

## 2018

- Gold, Silver, and Bronze Local Addy Awards earned as part of the Optym Marketing Team