

# Yessenia I. Calderon

## Animator

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### PROJECTS

#### **“Co-kee!” Animated Short Film** — *Creator and Director*

- Directed and animated a nine-time award-winning film.
- Cast/scouted cast and crew and managed production with cast and crew meetings, table reads, and weekly critiques.

#### **“Knightlights & Teddy Bears”** – *Assistant Director and Head of Animation*

- Conducted and supervised weekly Dailies with animators and scouted talent.
- Composite/light entire short film, animated mid-credits and assigned shots.

### EXPERIENCE

#### **Graphic Design Coordinator** - *G128 LLC*, Willowbrook, IL

May 2022 - Present

- Plan production for the design team and meeting project deadlines.
- Storyboard and animate video templates for product design on Amazon.
- Coordinate marketing for all online marketplaces, including promotional opportunities and content creation.

#### **Receptionist Overflow Sales Counselor** - *LA Fitness*, Niles, IL 2020-2022

#### **Event Coordinator** - *TechNexus Venture Collaborative*, Chicago, IL 2017-2019

### FREELANCE EXPERIENCE

#### **Production Sound Mixer** - *Chismosas Short Film*, Chicago, IL

August 2020 - March 2021

#### **Animator and Videographer** - *eConsulting Group*, Chicago, IL

May 2019 - May 2020

- Scheduled and filmed live-action videos of actors with their scripted lines.
- Produced motion graphics and special effects for promotion.
- Edited final animation and sound-mixed audio.

#### **Animator and Motion Designer** - *Schools That Can Chicago*, Chicago, IL

January 2018 – May 2018

- Captured footage of discussion groups, panelists, luncheon, and award show
- Filmed B-roll shots throughout the 13th Annual Forum
- Created promotional video for Schools That Can Monday Night Football event.

### EDUCATION

#### **Academy or Art University**, San Francisco, CA — *Master of Arts*

Animation and Visual Effects Emphasis in 3D Animation, September 2021 – May 2023

- Advanced Character Animation
- 3D Character Animation 2
- Traditional Animation
- Storyboarding Principles

#### **DePaul University**, Chicago, IL — *Bachelor of Fine Arts*

Animation Concentration in Cinema, September 2013 - June 2017

### SKILLS

#### **Animation**

2D Animation  
3D Animation  
Storyboarding  
Character Design

#### **Interpersonal**

Attention to Detail  
Communication  
Problem- Solving  
Time Management

#### **Tools**

Adobe Creative Suite  
Autodesk Maya  
Autodesk Mudbox  
Toon Boom Harmony  
Toon Boom Storyboard Pro  
Nuke  
Avid Pro Tools  
Microsoft Office  
Wacom Cintiq  
Shotgrid

### AWARDS

#### **“Co-kee!” Animated Short Film**

**Best Children's Short** (Independent Short Awards), 2021

#### **Best Animated Short and Best**

**Editing** (Vesuvius International Film Festival), 2021

#### **Best Family Short and Best Short**

**Actress** (Austin International Art Festival)

**Best Editing** (Paris International Short Festival), 2021

#### **Best Animated Short, Best Short Film,**

**and Best Actress** (Bright International Film Festival), 2021

**Best Sound Design** (San Francisco Indie Short Festival), 2022

**Best Editing** (Berlin Shorts Award), 2021

#### **Best Sound Design and Best**

**Actress** (Sydney Indie Short Festival), 2021

**Finalist**, (New York Animation Film

Awards), 2021

**Semi-Finalist**, (Vancouver Independent

Film Festival), 2021

**Nominated**, (Niagara Falls International Short Festival), 2021

#### **Knightlights & Teddy Bears**

**Best Animation**, (Synergy Film

Festival), 2023

**Best Animation** (Independent Short

Awards), 2023

### LANGUAGES

English and Spanish