



James Aaron Ortwerth

Designer + Animator

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Education

Savannah College of Art and Design

B.F.A Motion Media Design

Graduated 2018 with Highest Honors

GPA: 4.0

Saint Louis Community College

Associate in Applied Science: Animation

Graduated 2015 with Honors

Awards

NATAS Mid-America Emmy Award

2020

Adobe Design Achievement Award

2018

SCAD Dean's List

2015-2018

SCAD Student Academic Scholarship

2015-2018

SGA Student Awards

2014-2015

Skills

2D / 3D Animation and Design	Concept Development
Storyboards + Styleframes	Illustration + Sculpture
Logo Design + Animation	Physical Modeling
Kinetic Typography	Public Speaking
Compositing / Editing	Stop Motion
Cel Animation	Paper Craft

Software

After Effects	Cinema 4D
Photoshop	Redshift
Illustrator	Octane
	Premiere

Experience

JAOmotion Freelance Motion Designer (2021-current)

Managing all aspects of business and content creation.

Aligned Media (2018-March 2021) Lead Animator / Editor

Experience in fulfilling client's needs and expectations while producing content objectives that meet visionary and budgetary standards. Produce animated content, many times, direct to client.

Aligned Media Internship (June-Sept. 2018)

Learned to work in a small-scale pipeline.

Worked with clients to produce content ranging from animation to design. Learned crucial skills when it came to dealing with clients directly.

CoMotion 2018

Learned to work within a large-scale pipeline.

Designed styleframes and animated event title cards, all while working in teams to achieve a common goal.

After Effects, C4D, Photoshop, Illustrator

Monster Party Logo (2017) by Willie Colon

Logo animation, rough/final animation and color.

Assisted by Gretel Cummings on color and clean-up.

Photoshop, After Effects

New Blue District (2016) for Missouri Rep. Bill Otto

Infographic showcasing the evolving political climate of Missouri's 2nd congressional district during 2016.

Script writing, design and animation.

After Effects, Illustrator

Activities

CoMotion Branding Team (2018)

Design + Animation

MomeLove (2016-2018)