

Mel Tulagan

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EDUCATION

Columbia College Chicago (Chicago, IL)

2020 - 2024

BA, Traditional Animation

- Dean's list for 4 consecutive semesters.
- The Business of Animated Content - Animation Production Studio - Acting For Animators
- Secretary and Social Media Manager of CCC Animation Association

Coronado School of the Arts (Coronado, CA)

August 2016 - 2020

Digital Art Strand, Animation

- Student Ambassador

WORK EXPERIENCE

Sesame Place San Diego (San Diego, CA)

Summer Season 2024

Seasonal Costume Support Ambassador

- Responsible for machine and hand mending of over 150 costumes.
- Daily maintenance and presetting for all costumes throughout the park.
- Monitored schedules and maintained upkeep of setting costumes before shows.

Digital Wizards Studio (Glendale, CA)

Storyboarder, Character Designer and Concept Artist

May 2025 - September 2025

- Created rendered illustrated concept art within client's fast deadline and budget.
- Organized files in clear and concise manner for easy access for both creative director and client.
- Produced storyboards used in studio for animatic reels and stop motion shooting.

Stop Motion Set Dresser

July 2023 - August 2023

- Bring to life the vision of the production design (e.g., furniture, drapery, artwork)
- Used a CNC machine to create various props and set dressing on various scales and sizes.
- Collaborate with Director, and Cinematographer.

Columbia College Chicago (Chicago, IL)

Interactive Arts Media Student Worker

September 2023 - May 2024

- Serve as teaching assistant to Stop Motion puppet fabrication and Maquette Sculpture classes.
- Tutor students in animation software and animation techniques.
- Manage classroom and equipment rentals.

Various Community Theatres (San Diego, CA)

March 2017 - 2022

Costume Assistant / Stage Manager

- Proficient in assisting with costume fittings, alterations, maintenance, and inventory management.
- Assist in costume fittings for cast members, ensuring proper fit and comfort.
- Support the overall production process by assisting with set changes, prop management, and other backstage tasks as required.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Hard Skills: Sculpting, Wire Armature Building, Resin Casting, Foam Carving, Mold Making, Pattern Drafting, Flocking, Silicone Casting, Felting

Software: Photoshop, Premiere Pro, Illustrator, Character Animate, ToonBoom Harmony, Storyboard Pro, Procreate, Maya, Dragonframe, Google Suite (Docs, Sheets, Slides)

Social Media Skills: Instagram, TikTok, Twitter, Discord, Tumblr, YouTube, Snapchat, Pinterest, Facebook, LinkedIn

Interests: Crochet Amigurumi, Rock Hounding, Dungeons and Dragons, San Diego Padres, Musicals, Mini Painting, Puppet Fabrication, Indie Toy Making