

LAILA JAMES

2D Animator / Production Management

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EDUCATION

Savannah College of Art & Design | Bachelor of Fine Arts - 2D Animation | Graduation Date - May 2026

- Women in Animation (Atlanta chapter)
- Compositing Club Vice President
- YAYA Senior Guild Member

WORK EXPERIENCE

Lead Prop Artist | Good Looks Crew | 2025-Present

- Co-Leading the development of props' design style for an unreleased project

Director | Showcase - Rebrand | 2025

- Developed a pitch and visual strategy for a set of 3 film festival bumpers to be executed over a 10 week period. 2D Animated the 30 sec Intermission Bumper
- Managing animation pipeline files in Google Drive for a 15 person team, scheduling meetings, assigning shots, and tracking progress to meet phase deadlines.

Production Assistant | 2D Film: Maladaptive Dreamer | 2025

- Primary point of contact between a 50+ person team and the 2 directors for all correspondence.
- Utilizing Google Sheets for organizing and designating assignments for the team and keeping track of deadline expectations

Lead Compositor | 2D Film: Don't Sleep | 2025

- Composited 40 shots in a span of 3 weeks
- Developed comp tests and comp style of the film

SCAD Home Ambassador | SCAD Home Residence Life | 2023 - Present

- Create a hospitable environment for over 500 residents, by acting as "The Help Line" (hospitality concierge).
- Follow up with residents, and communicate maintenance concerns to supervisors.
- Note-taker during logistic meetings, organized weekly resident mixers, and addressed attendee feedback

Apprentice Artist | Young Artists Young Aspirations Inc. (YAYA) | 2019 - 2023

- Collaborated with local master artists' teams in 30+ projects (glassblowing, murals, and illustrations)
- Planned and worked on live in house art demonstrations
- Hired by conferences such as (HORIZONS, Disney at Essence, and Spotify) to create live painting during the event
- Networked with artists across the U.S. and Italy for glassblowing projects

AWARDS

- 12 Hour: Team Pitch Winner
- Dean's List
- YAYA'S Artist of the Year

SKILLS

Talent Management, Networking, Production Development, Event Operations (Art Direction), File Setup, Adobe Suite, Microsoft suite, Toon Boom Harmony, Google Drive, Google Sheets